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PUPILS SHOW IMPORTANCE OF EQUALITY



Year-3 pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School recently performed their latest class assembly, including a play entitled *The Vegetable Patch*. (SEE THE FULL STORY ON PAGE 8).

Remembrance: Barry prepares to honour the town's heroes

THE Remembrance Day parade and service will take place in Barry this Sunday, November 11 — and with recent conflicts inspiring a renewed understanding of the meaning behind the event, hundreds of people are expected at the town's Cenotaph.

Men from the Vale have been killed and seriously injured in the war in Afghanistan, and it gives local people the opportunity to pay tribute to them, and all the other servicemen and service-women who have given their lives for our freedom.

In recent years, there

have been more people lining the route from King Square down Holton Road to the parade's final destination on Gladstone Road, and a large crowd of all generations is expected at the Cenotaph.

A spokesperson for Barry Town Council told The GEM: "Organisations are requested to assemble at King Square by 10am, ready for the procession to begin at 10.30am.

"The procession will halt at the Civic Offices for wreaths to be laid at the Merchant Navy Memorial.

"It will then resume back on Holton Road, taking the Gladstone Road exit on the roundabout leading to the Cenotaph by the Memorial Hall and Theatre."

A representative of the Royal British Legion will lead the wreath-laying at the Cenotaph.

The service at the Memorial Hall is to be led by the Rev Ben Andrews.

An article by Dr Jonathan Hicks on page 21 illustrates the importance of Remembrance.

Dr Hicks tells the story of a Barry man, who was a Welsh school-boy international, and during the Second World War took part in the largest airborne assault in history.

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Jogger 'critical' in hospital

A MAN who was taken ill while jogging on the Cardiff Bay barrage in Penarth on Monday afternoon was said to be in a "critical condition" at University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff.

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Barry theft: police appeal

POLICE are appealing to the public for help to locate Christopher Andrew Ling (42), who is wanted in connection with the theft of cash from an address in

Holton Road, Barry, on Monday, October 15.

He is described as approximately 5'9" tall, of medium build, with short dark brown hair and blue eyes.



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Airport: more flights are the answer!

WITH reference to the GEM letter headed 'New

airport needed to put Wales on the map,' having followed the recent comments concerning Cardiff Airport, I have to write that I agree with most of the sentiments expressed, with the exception of the need for a new airport.

Compared to Bristol Airport, Cardiff is ideally located.

To reach Bristol Airport, one needs to either trundle through Bristol, or miles of country lanes from the

M5, whereas Cardiff is located within relatively easy access from the M4, or the A48.

Bristol is bustling because it offers a product that people want - flights!

Surely what Cardiff needs is a proactive management team, attracting budget airlines to destinations that are cost-effective.

Government money may well need to be made available to attract owners who are not self-serving, but heaven forbid any other Government involvement.

Cardiff Airport is the gateway to Wales, but currently it is an embarrassment.

Hugh Field, Cowbridge.

'Just what are we celebrating?'

ON Saturday, November 3, I witnessed the distress of many cats and dogs, as powerful fireworks were blasting out incredibly loud noises from 5pm until after 10pm.

I imagine that there were many other animals and probably some sensitive humans, who also had a stressful and upsetting time.

So what was the celebration? I really don't believe that the people who were spending large sums of money on display-strength fireworks were doing so in appreciation of the survival of the House of Commons.

If the ice-cream van isn't allowed to play loud music after dusk, why is it acceptable for anyone who feels like it to make such loud noises?

Can I suggest that next year the people who used the time of year as an excuse for such antisocial behaviour send the money they spent on fireworks to a charity?

Then they can stand in the middle of the street and scream loudly - that way they will get to scare a few animals and people and still be doing some good.

Hopefully, most won't last as long as five hours!

Dahlia Kirby, Llantwit Major.

Praise for good service

ISN'T it refreshing when you find a decent workman these days and I did, with the help of your GEM of a newspaper.

Mark Martyn was courteous, friendly, cheerful, always on time, informed me of what he was doing throughout the installation of my en-suite.

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'Why should party label decide Police Commissioner?'

HAVING not been given online or any other details of contacts when I received my polling card and booklet for the forthcoming Police Commissioner election, I wondered how I could find out who was taking part.

I contacted the police station, who informed me that there are four prospective candidates.

What has disturbed me, however, is that the names I was given had a political party membership attached.

Now, in my mind, I cannot see why it would decide the best person if they had a political affiliation attached to them?

I do not think that a political party should decide who is the best person.

This is one appointment that should not involve politics! It should be as open as possible.
DE Coombes Herridge Barry

'Council has plan for Barry High Street'

ALTHOUGH I consider **Andrew RT Davies AM's** concern for High Street shopping centres is laudable (GEM letters, November 1), he is a bit behind the times in adopting High Street, Barry, to champion its promotion and development.

Perhaps he should know that the Vale Council initiated a study into five district shopping centres in the Vale in 2011.

The draft report of the study has been completed, with the final report due before the end of 2012/13.

The report's findings will inform a strategic plan for improvements to shopping centres.

The Labour councillors for Illyd ward, which includes High

Street, have already taken up support for High Street as a shopping centre by making contact with traders and the Chamber of Trade, as well as raising the issue with council officers.

We have also discussed parking issues and arranged for small improvements to drop kerbs on the High Street to be programmed, in order to improve accessibility for disabled people and parents with prams.

As local councillors, we welcome support for local shopping centres from all quarters and we are, therefore, happy to have constructive assistance from AMs and the Welsh Government, whenever they wish to do so.

Coun Howard Hamilton Illyd ward Barry

'Dog fouling spoils Rhosee'

DOG fouling season is upon us again as the darker mornings and afternoons have brought the irresponsible (minority) of dog owners who feel it is ok to let their pets foul our footpaths and gardens.

It is their responsibility to clean up after their pets, not the council or the

Who are the candidates?

Having recently received my poll card for the forthcoming election, due to take place on November 15, I had to stop and ask myself - 'Who are the candidates?'

I have seen nothing in the press, and no leaflets have been pushed through the door.

Who are these people,

and what do they stand for? No doubt all will be revealed in time, albeit a very short time!

Perhaps I will turn up to vote and find Batman and Robin waiting for me at the polling station?

I will be voting, but a little more information would help.
(Name and address supplied)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Do other readers have a comment on the organisation of this important election? Turn to page 14 and then write to us at the address given on this page.

What's new on the LDP?

JUST one week before the May council elections, Labour promised they would scrap the LDP and there is evidence that people changed their vote because of that pledge.

In June and July, the Labour-led council were avoiding the 'scrap' word and then met with the Welsh Government, who poured some cold water over the election pledge and suggested 'focused changes' were the way forward - and maybe Labour should look at the Welsh Government representations.

In September, the Labour leader said they didn't say that they would scrap the LDP.

The Labour member responsible for the LDP said "our final version will not be the same plan" and she was confident that at that time "people will agree that we did, in fact, scrap the LDP."

This was followed by

a glut of letters to the local papers from Labour councillors and supporters, ranging from 'it's pulped'; 'it's an ex-LDP'; 'the new LDP will not be different from the scrapped one in every respect'; to a 'full announcement will be made in around two weeks'.

Indeed, three weeks ago the Labour leader wrote in The GEM that he would be 'taking a report to cabinet and scrutiny within the next few weeks, outlining the steps we are taking'.

However, more recently we heard that council officials said nothing had changed and they are carrying on with the existing LDP.

Well, the agenda for this week's cabinet and scrutiny committees show no sign of any announcement.

Perhaps our decision takers are hoping their election pledge may just fade from our memory.
Dennis Harkus, FocusBARRY supporter.

WATCH OUT, AN ADDER'S ABOUT!



WHILE out walking with my dog on Llantwit Major beach on Sunday, November 4, I stumbled upon what I thought was an unusual-looking piece of drift wood.

As I got closer to it, it started to move, and at this point I realised it was an adder lying on the stones, soaking up the sunshine.

It slithered into a crevice in the rocks and there it stayed. I just wanted to let other dog walkers know that adders are about.
Claire Jackman, Llantwit Major.

Message to teenagers...

'Don't spoil kiddies' fun'

CAN I firstly say, thank you for your wonderful paper, without which I couldn't voice my opinions - and they are that, just opinions - and, secondly, I would like to say I love Hallowe'en.

I have even scared a few children by dressing up and answering the door.

I love seeing and chatting to the kids and their parents who accompany them - it's what makes it fun.

Now, imagine six or ten young lads, no costumes, no bags, at your

door. That's scary.

Last night I had so many big gangs of young teens at my door, I was forced to put out a note saying 'no outfits, don't bother.'

It must have been especially worrying for the older generation.

Hallowe'en is for the kiddies who like dressing up and for us oldies, who love chatting and giving treats.

Older ones should either make an effort, or stay at home and give the little ones a chance.

Many thanks for letting me get that off my chest!

Sue Harry, Llantwit Major.

Do you have a view? Something you want to share with the Vale?

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 15)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
08 Thur	00.09	7.6	12.45	7.9
09 Fri	01.26	7.8	13.55	8.0
10 Sat	02.36	8.3	14.59	8.6
11 Sun	03.38	8.8	15.55	9.2
12 Mon	04.24	9.4	16.43	9.7
13 Tues	05.11	9.9	17.39	10.2
14 Wed	06.04	10.4	18.27	10.5
15 Thur	06.53	10.5	19.19	10.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

'Environmental group insults council workers' – says Barry Island campaigner

A LOCAL environmental group, which helps to remove litter from local beaches, has come under fire from a former candidate in the May elections, for doing work he claims Vale Council workers can do.

The 'Friends of Barry Beaches' group recently celebrated its second anniversary, and co-ordinator, Coun Rob Curtis marked the occasion by pointing out that since its inception, hundreds of sacks of rubbish had been collected with much of it being recycled.

However, Barry V Evans, the co-ordinator

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

of the Barry First Group, who fought a feisty campaign in the Baruc ward earlier this year, but was unable to unseat the sitting councillors, contacted The GEM to say he believed the group's work was an insult to council workers.

In response, Coun Curtis described Mr Evans as a "self-appointed critic and serial moaner".

Mr Evans, who has campaigned on a number of issues relating to Barry Island, claimed: "Local Vale councillors Rob and Claire Curtis called for volunteers for a recent beach clean-up to take place at Whitmore Bay, Barry

Island.

"I'd point out that there is a highly motivated team of council employees paid for by the taxpayer to clean this beach seven days per week, and a fantastic job they do of it, too.

"It sounds like Coun Curtis, the cabinet member for the environment and visible services, is implying that these employees are not doing the job properly hence the need for volunteers.

"If Coun Curtis would care to walk the length and breadth of Holton Road, would he be as keen to call for volunteers to clean up Holton Road?"

"He only has to look



ABOVE: The Friends of Barry Beaches do regular litter picks on local beaches, but one critic believes the work should only be done by council workers.

at the state of his own council ward to see where some real attention is needed.

"If I was employed by the local cleansing department, I would feel most insulted at the calls for volunteers to encroach on my working environment, to do a job that is already being done to a high standard of efficiency."

Mr Evans claimed the work of the group could lead to people losing their jobs.

"The danger here is if he keeps calling for volunteers, the chances are good employees could

lose their jobs – if Coun Curtis and his publicity machine get enough volunteers to do this job on a regular basis for free.

"I have spoken to quite a few employees from the cleansing department and they are outraged by the audacity and the insult to the standard of their work just for his own publicity."

Coun Curtis contacted The GEM and said: "In reply to the very negative attack on Friends of Barry Beaches (FoBB) by self-appointed critic and

serial moaner, Barrie V Evans and his Barry First Independent Group, may I just make a couple of points.

"Firstly, I have no doubt that most reasonable people would support the hard work of our volunteers when they spend their own time each month, in all weathers, cleaning the litter and fishing line from one of Barry's five main beaches.

"Secondly, the fact that we litter pick one beach once a month for one hour means that in reality, our volunteers will only clean Barry

Island beach (Whitmore Bay) once every six months for one hour.

"I am sure the Vale of Glamorgan cleansing staff are not worried about such competition!

"Thirdly, we work in support of council staff in their aim to keep our beaches clean and litter free – sadly there is always plenty of rubbish to remove. We also have the full support of Keep Wales Tidy.

"In the two years since our formation, we have removed hundreds of bags of litter, including fishing hooks, fishing line, glass bottles, plastic bottles, nails, tin cans, nylon rope and various polystyrene – with most of it then being recycled – from the beautiful beaches of Barry.

"I, for one, would like to thank the many local volunteers for all their dedication.

"The hard working volunteers of Friends of Barry Beaches will certainly not be intimidated by the lone cynical voice of Mr Barrie V. Evans and his Barry First Group.

"Finally, I would also like to invite Mr Evans and the members of Barry First to join me on my next litter pick at White Farm (White Farm Conservation Group), Colcote, Barry, on November 24, meeting at 10.30am.

"If they are unable to make that, then please feel free to join FoBB on their next litter pick on Sunday, November 25, meeting on Porthkerry Beach at 3pm.

"I am sure that he will find the experience of volunteering to help make our world a better place a most satisfying experience!"

Floral group planning early for Christmas!

MEMBERS of Barry Floral Society will meet at the St Nicholas Hall, Barry, at 2.15pm on November 13 for a demonstration 'Images of Christmas' by Sandra Snell of Ledbury.

November 27 sees members enjoy gâteaux and gossip while making their own Christmas decoration, and on December 6, St Nicholas Hall, St

Nicholas Road, will be the venue for the club's Christmas exhibition/coffee morning (10.15am-12 noon).

At this event, the society is making a donation to the Barry branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute towards new lifeboats.

RNLI is the club's chosen charity for its Golden Jubilee year. New members are always welcome. JK

'THANK YOU'

THE Penarth fundraising committee for Cancer Research UK has thanked all who supported the autumn fair on October 27 and helped to raise £781.75.

The next event is the fashion show in the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road on Thursday November 8. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets (£5) are available at M&Co, the Cancer Research UK shop, and on the door.

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Volunteer Guides win praise at Dinas Powys



ABOVE: Llandough Guides are pictured with Coun Val Hartrey, chair of Dinas Powys Community Council.

LLANDOUGH Guides recently volunteered to help out at the Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC) celebrations.

The chairman of DPVC, John Fanshaw, said he was very indebted to the girls and their leaders for helping to make the evening a success and thanked them for their hard work throughout the evening.

Alan Higgins, vice-chair said: "The girls were a credit to the Guide movement as a whole and to themselves individually."

The Guides enjoyed meeting people from the wider community and the experience is part of the Community Action part of the Guide programme that involves making a difference in a specific area of their local community.

For further information about Guiding in Dinas Powys and Llandough, contact Judith on: 07765 513424, or: llan-doughguides@google-mail.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pothole watch
THE Vale Council's potholes campaign, 'The BIG Fill', will be in the Court ward, Barry, on November 10-11.

Residents can report potholes until November 9. Call: 01446 700111.

Craft fair
BEA ROBERTS will be hosting another 'Truly Handmade' craft fayre in aid of the Tenovus Cancer charity on November 25 at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from 11am-3pm - entry free.

This pre-Christmas event will be a gift extravaganza, offering you an opportunity to get a unique gift for all the family.

All items are handmade and most crafters are happy to create custom pieces.

There will be a cash pot raffle where two winners will split the prize money.

School pupils hear a first hand account of Nazi Holocaust horror

ON October 22, year-9 students from Barry Comprehensive School heard testimony from Nazi Holocaust survivor, Eva Clarke, as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

It was followed by a question and answer session to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth.

It was a privilege to welcome Eva Clarke to our school and her testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced.

We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Eva's testimony it will encourage our students to learn the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives.

Karen Pollock MBE, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, commented: "The Holocaust Educational Trust educates and engages students from across the UK, from all communities, about the Holocaust, and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor."

"Eva's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circum-



ABOVE: Year-9 students, under the guidance of year-13 student Beth Hopkins, creating a mural of handprints as a visual representation of all the people affected by the Holocaust.

stances and by hearing her testimony, students will have the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead.

"At the Trust, we impart the history of the Holocaust to young people, to ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."

There was also a presentation from year-13 students Isaac Mayne and Beth Hopkins, highlighting their experiences on the Lessons from Auschwitz Project, where they took part in a one-day visit to the former Nazi extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

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Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke visited the school in conjunction with the Holocaust Educational Trust so that pupils could hear first hand of the horrors faced at the time.

READER'S VIEW 'Council must be strong and change LDP strategy'

I REFER to the number of letters that have appeared in recent editions of The GEM, relating to the future of the LDP and the uncertainty over what is actually going to happen.

Despite repeated statements by the Vale Council leader Neil Moore and other Labour members that the LDP has been scrapped and will be replaced by a new plan, other letters have claimed that council officers have not been given any alternative instructions by the new administration and that they continue to work on the existing LDP.

Reference has also been made to the recent meeting with Welsh Government officials when it was stated that there was no desire to start the LDP process again.

The cabinet are due to make the decision on the future of the LDP when they consider the council officer's report on November 5.

If the report states that it is not possible to scrap the LDP and carry out a full review,

then I would urge cabinet members to throw the report out.

The Labour Party was elected in to power on the basis of an election pledge that they would scrap the current LDP and replace it with a new one.

Recent statements by Councillors Neil Moore, Lis Burnett and John Drysdale expressed concerns that the consultation carried out on the LDP was not satisfactory, far too complicated, and confirmed that there will be a new LDP, which will provide a fair balance of development across the Vale - based on a sound estimate of what is needed - and will consider factors such as congestion and infrastructure needs - and be sustainable in the long term.

The only way that this can be achieved is by changing the LDP strategy and allocating sites in a revised LDP which would then be put out for consultation.

There is no doubt that the strategy of the current LDP is unpopular with the vast majority of the residents of the Vale, as demonstrated by the

thousands of people who have objected to the deposit LDP.

Unfortunately, it was not until the LDP was placed on deposit that it became obvious how unpopular the strategy is, as when the draft strategy was subject to consultation in 2008, only 210 comments were received and less than 100 of these actually supported the strategy.

The Labour Party are perfectly entitled to honour their election pledge and should not accept the advice of council/Welsh Government officers, whose main priority is to get the LDP adopted as soon as possible, even though the location of a lot of the allocated development sites are totally inappropriate, against the wishes of those who voted for the Labour Party and the majority of people in the Vale.

The Labour Party must be strong and not let down the thousands of people who supported them and honour their election pledge to scrap and replace the flawed LDP. Dr R Stamatakis Cowbridge.

Why does Barry Station not have a passenger lift?

WE are told by our politicians, and others, that Barry is the largest town in Wales, other conurbations with more inhabitants being cities.

So why, given the number of commuters and others who use Barry Railway Station, with additional rail services soon to be provided, do we not have a passenger lift from platform to platform, to assist disabled passengers and those with heavy luggage, push chairs etc?

Bridgend has a lift, Leominster in Herefordshire, a smaller community, also had one recently installed.

Okay, at present, one can travel to the Island, if travelling from the

direction of Cardiff, and wait for the train to return to Barry Station on the reverse platform.

But this, although known to locals, is not known to visitors and there are no notices on trains and platforms to tell anyone.

Furthermore, this procedure cannot be utilised if the passenger is alighting, or proposing to, from the Bridgend trains, as they do not divert to the Island.

Network Rail and Arriva Trains Wales have a joint responsibility here; Network Rail with provision, and Arriva with the management of railway stations.

They should now 'get it together' and provide this facility for Barry. Christopher Short Barry

Fayre raises £530

AGE CONCERN Cardiff and Vale celebrated its 21st anniversary with a fayre at Crossway Methodist Church which proved very successful.

There was a wide range of attractive stalls and a prize draw, with many prizes donated by local businesses.

The event was opened by Jane Hutt AM, who praised the volunteers of Age Concern for their dedication and hard work over the years.

Barry Ladies Choir entertained during the coffee morning and many of the public enjoyed singing along. The event raised a remarkable £530.

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Local community would like to see church rebuilt one day Warm memories of Elim, the church that helped to change people's lives

A popular Barry church, which served its local community for more than 70 years, has been demolished.

Elim Church stood on the corner of Pyke Street and Crossways Street and hosted thousands of Christian services, baptisms and weddings over the decades.

It was also the venue for youth clubs, including Sunshine Corner more than 30 years ago, and more recently, Hullabaloo Kids Club as recently as 2011.

The Rev Kantz Misra told The GEM: "Its gospel message centred around the grace and life-changing work of Jesus Christ.

"The church saw many lives transformed for the better, from those who gave up drugs and drink, to those who found peace and spirituality."

A long-time neighbour of the church, Maureen Ward, commented: "This building has been here since I lived here - for more than 60 years.

"I'm fond of it and sorry to see it go. I hope we can replace it with a



ABOVE: End of an era - as the wrecking machines tear at the walls of Elim Church.

meeting place for older people and the community." Another older resident, who recalls the sound of hymns from the church filling the morning and evening air, said: "I don't like the idea of this building being knocked down."

A survey carried out by the members of the current Elim church, which accounts for more than 80 households in the area, revealed local people wanted a new building on the site, with facilities for families, and the ability to host dance, drama, Welsh les-

sons and childcare.

Rev Misra explained: "We would love to rebuild on the site, but in the current funding climate, such money is difficult to get hold of, especially for Christian churches.

"We have continued to serve our community through a variety of activities, from family fitness to youth clubs and ICT for older people, as well as our regular services, but unless we can raise the funds a new building will remain a dream at the moment, but not impossible though."

The reason for the demolition was because the roof structure had come loose, leading to the walls being unstable.

The church was run for 30 years by the Rev Gurwin Marshallsea who

recently passed away.

The current congregation now meets in the juvenile court at the former Vale Magistrates Court on Thompson Street every Sunday at 11am.

Rev Misra added: "We want local people's positive memories about the church on Pyke Street, and we are asking all those who have stories and memories to post them on our Barry Elim Church Facebook page at www.barryelim.org.uk

"We also want to invite people to come and tell their story, or listen to stories in a special remembrance service on November 25 at 11am in the Vale Magistrates Court. We would love to see some pictures of church life over the years".

The church is also looking for ideas on how it could raise money to rebuild, and would be delighted for any feedback to be sent to the following email: info@barryelim.org.uk
TIM CHAPMAN

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity event

MAYOR of Barry, Coun Les Sword, will be holding a charity event at Glenbrook Inn, Dobbins Road, Barry this Saturday, November 10, at 7pm in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust special unit at The Heath and Ty Hafan, Sully branch, the mayor's chosen charities.

The evening will include a raffle, karaoke competition, entertainment from Barry's best karaoke celebrity and buffet.

Table top sale BARRY Netball Club is holding an afternoon tea and table top sale at St Francis Millennium Centre, Park Road, Barry, on November 17 at 2pm-4.30pm.

Entry 50p. For more details, or to book a table, contact Alison on 01446 749307 or 07528 518025.



ABOVE: Vale MP Alun Cairns and pupils of Oakfield Primary School fly the school's new Eco-Schools International Green Flag.

Oakfield Primary awarded prized Eco-Schools status

OAKFIELD Primary School in Barry was recently presented with their Eco-Schools International Green Flag by Vale MP Alun Cairns.

The Eco-Schools programme is an international initiative that encourages pupils to engage with environmental and sustainable development issues. It provides a highly structured system for the environmental management of schools.

The programme is a learning resource and

pupils take key roles in decision making and participation in order to reduce the environmental impact of their school. The Eco-Schools programme is a long-term activity, with the award being re-assessed and renewed every two years.

Mr Cairns said: "The scheme is a recognised and respected Eco-label for performance in education for sustainable development and is testament to the hard work of the headteacher and staff, the school governing body and, of course, the pupils themselves."

School's shopping evening

YSGOL St Baruc in Barry is hosting a Christmas shopping evening on

November 13, from 6.30pm-9pm.

A school spokeswoman urged: "Come and socialise while browsing an array of stalls, from crafts and books to Christmas decorations and cards.

"Mulled wine and other refreshments will be on sale, with a £1 entry, to raise funds for Sant Baruc PTA."

'NEW TREES FOR OLD'

A NEW project at Porthkerry Country Park will rejuvenate and propagate local, old varieties of fruit trees.

Park ranger Melanie Stewart explained: "We plan to take cuttings from old apple and pear trees that are growing in the park and, if possible, trees growing in gardens around the park.

"The cuttings will be taken by the ranger service, all that is required from the donor tree is to cut off several disease-free, pencil-thick pieces of the previous season's growth.

These 'scions' should be at least 100mm (four inches) long. This cutting will need to be done in January 2013 and will not harm the tree."

The cuttings will be grafted onto rootstock to create a tree that will be planted in the Park's orchard area next November. The grafting process will be undertaken by a local Welsh nursery.

Residents wishing to donate a cutting from an old apple or pear tree in a garden close to the park, can contact the Porthkerry ranger service on 01446 733589, or email: porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk for more information.

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Local band ready for the next round of national competition

RIGHT: Barry Comprehensive School students Back To November joined GEM papergirl Carrienne Rogers in the next round of a national musician competition.

AS reported in last week's GEM, Barry-based band Back To November were among a group of local artists through to the next round of the Open Mic UK national competition.

The Barry Comprehensive School students were among those selected to go on to the area final at Reading's Sub89 on Sunday, December 2, having impressed judges at the regional final at Cardiff's Coal Exchange on October 20.

Group member Edan Edwards told THE GEM: "Open Mic was great! If we are in the top two for the area final night then we will be through to the O2 Arena!"

"The night was amazing. We did our own rendition of Alex Clare's 'Too Close' with Bob Marley's 'Jammmin', and it turned out to be a real crowd pleaser. We had a lot of support as a lot of family and friends came as well as a big group of our fanbase.

"Carrienne Rogers and



Luke Brown from Barry also made it through."

The band are now looking forward to the next round of the competition where they will again be backed by family and friends.

Edan added: "We've booked a coach to go up to Reading, and anyone who wants to come along is welcome. It will be £15 for the coach and £9 for a ticket to the concert, or if people want to make their own way up, it will

be £9 for a ticket.

"As well as all of this, we've also been shortlisted by MTV as contestants for their Unsigned competition for 2013!"

The band need to get as many votes from the public as they can in order to get signed by MTV for the show. To vote, go to: <http://brandnewunsigned.mtv.co.uk/a/c/bactonovember>, find them on Facebook: Back To November, or Twitter: @BackToNovember_.

Sun shines on local environmental team

THE Cwm Talwg team, winners of the Green Flag Gold Award and many other environmental prizes, meet on a Sunday morning to take care of these woods in the heart of Barry, where on November 4 they met Vale AM, Jane Hutt.

Jane Hutt said: "It was great to join the volunteer team for a walk at the Cwm Talwg woods and to congratulate them on their latest gold award under the Green Flag scheme.

"The group gathers in all weathers to protect and enhance this beautiful wood in the heart of Barry. So many people enjoy these woods, and I know there is huge appreciation for them."

An RSPCA inspector's tales are told

NEWS FROM THE BARRY MEN'S FORUM

LAST Thursday (November 1), Mr Roy Gee gave a talk reminiscing about the funny and unusual incidents he had been involved in during his 22 years as an RSPCA inspector in Sussex, the Midlands and south Wales.

In his introduction, he referred to the beginnings of the organisation, 188 years ago. In 1822, a Richard Martin brought the first legal case to court for the abuse to a donkey.

The donkey was even brought into court to show weals on its back, and the owner was found guilty.

Two years later, Mr Martin happened to meet William Wilberforce in a coffee shop, and they got talking.

The RSPCA was subsequently formed from this meeting.

They had inspectors on the streets even before the police were inaugurated. They gained royal assent in 1878, becoming the RSPCA.

Roy went on to

recount numerous incidents involving goldfish, birds, horses, tortoises, leopards and other animals, such as the badger which was in a house, trapping a lady on the toilet.

There was also an incident while he was attending court proceedings in an old building when the Magistrate ordered an adjournment and instructed him to remove pigeons which were flying around the court.

After he had removed all but one, the court reassembled, only for the lone pigeon to later make 'a deposit' on the magistrates' shoulder.

Barry Men's Forum meetings are held at Windsor Road Unit, Refracted Church Hall, every Thursday morning, starting at 10.15am. New members are welcome.

The chairman, Peter Westcott, can be contacted on 02920 594881 for further information.

On November 15, Mr John Wilmot will be talking on 'Changes in the Vale'. PMW

'Remember the three-line whip?'

OH dear, Emlyn - ('Council politics has changed', *The GEM*, November 1), you should have stood as an independent if you believe - 'councillors worked solely for the community, not for any political gains'.

Just consider all the partisan voting that has taken place in the council chamber.

Remember the voting on the LDP - and what about the Cemetery Approach fiasco?

You will know how often the Conservative three-line whip was in operation, since you were a part of that group.

FocusBARRY has been campaigning about the proposed LDP for several years, and, as an Independent candidate, I

can assure readers our leaflets were not misleading.

The Labour party has a lot to explain with their election promise to 'scrap' the LDP and some councillors need to consider their position, but our message to the voters said no such thing.

I also publicly vowed that were I to be elected, I would have given ALL my allowances as a councillor to local charities.

The fact that you missed this out in your 'Politics has changed', and 'Doing it as a job' comments, totally amuses me.

Incidentally, I was not the only Independent candidate to make such a pledge.

James Osborne, *Illyd Independent candidate and FocusBARRY supporter, Barry.*

Artworks at the Canonhill Artspace

VALE AM Jane Hutt recently visited Lee Campbell's 'Tell me something I don't know' art exhibition at the Canonhill Artspace in Barry.

She learnt about Lee's work with the students of Cardiff and Vale College, including Barry students, who inspired him, and his 'spelling game' that uses students' artwork to aid spelling memory.

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS' NEWS

Visiting the scene of a south Wales seafaring tragedy

MEETING at Kenfig Nature Reserve on a beautiful sunny morning with an autumnal chill in the air, six walkers and leader Barbara encountered the first problem - blocked paths in the dunes due to flooding.

This area was once part of a huge dune system that stretched along the coast from the River Ogmore to Gower, and during World War Two was used for military training.

Making their way to the coast, they walked to Sker Point where, on April 23, 1947, the *Samtampa*, a former liberty ship on a voyage up the Bristol Channel to Newport, developed an engine fault.

Her captain dropped anchor to carry out repairs but a huge storm blew up and in hurricane force winds, the ship slipped anchor and headed onto the rocks at Sker Point.

The Mumbles lifeboat was launched to help but the ship began to break up and all 39-crew were drowned.

The lifeboat was smashed to pieces and the crew of eight were lost as well.

The group continued along the coast where, in the latter part of the 19th century, a group of ship and mine owners decided to build a golf course near Porthcawl.

A nine-hole course was built on Lock's Common after gorse and bracken was removed. Later a further nine-hole course was built on the present site, making it the first 18-hole course in south Wales.

There was a considerable distance between the two courses, so Lock's Common site was abandoned and a new 18-hole course was built.

The Royal Porthcawl golf course has now held many major tournaments, with some of the great names taking part, including Sandy Lyle,

Nick Faldo, Tiger Woods and Greg Norman to name but a few.

Nottage village green made a perfect lunch stop with its history of a wall at the end of the green being known as 'the labourer's wall' - as the unemployed men of the village would meet there and wait for work.

The Dyffryn Llynfi Tramway and railroad passed through a tunnel under the eastern end of the green, which was dedicated to the community in 1983.

Passing the interesting Nottage Court, which still contains original roof beams and has stone mouldings around the door and windows, a road led to St David's Well, renowned for its healing powers.

In 1962, an inscribed stone tablet was placed there by the National Association of Monumental Masons as an indication of how important this quiet dell of Dewiscumbe was.

The group then followed the quiet lane back to the main coastal road for the short trek back to Kenfig.

On November 10, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8.5-mile mod/hard walk in the Darran Valley; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On November 11, meet 10am at Cogan for a six-mile moderate walk at Radyr Woods and the Glamorgan Canal; contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

On November 13, meet 8.30am at Cogan for a 10.5-mile moderate walk from Ross on Wye, taking in Kerne Bridge; contact William on 01446 747239.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com

Joy Strangward.

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M. E. Punter, Director of Visible Services & Housing
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Countryside theme in art display at Fonmon

THE Countryside Alliance held an exhibition of country-themed paintings by Jeremy Houghton at Fonmon Castle, by permission of Sir Brooke and Lady Boothby.

Jeremy is the artist in residence to the Prince of Wales and was official BT Olympic artist for London 2012.

Rachel Evans, Countryside Alliance Director, Wales, said: "Jeremy is a young British artist whose work is now included in collections at Buckingham Palace, St James's Palace, the Royal Collection of Luxembourg, Chatsworth House, JP Morgan, the Hoare Bank, and Lloyd's International Private Banking.

"Demand for his work is rapidly increasing."



ABOVE: Artist Jeremy Houghton is pictured with Rachel Evans. Photograph by HEATHER MARCH.

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CANCER CARE TARGETS: The stark contrast with England

LAST week in Westminster, I met with Barry residents Pam Allinson and Rosina Butler at Breakthrough Breast Cancer's 13th annual Westminster Fly-In event.

This key event is to support the charity's call to save lives through increasing awareness, promoting early diagnosis and providing access to treatment.

Breakthrough Breast Cancer's vision is a future free from the fear of breast cancer. Their dedication to improving and saving lives through finding the causes of breast cancer, enabling early detection, discovering new and better treatments and care is impressive and humbling.

Breast cancer is still the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the UK, and an estimated 600 lives could be saved every year in Wales alone if breast cancer survival rates matched the best in Europe.

The Barry residents representing Breakthrough Breast Cancer drew attention to the different target treatment times between Wales and England.

I understand that the target time to see a consultant in England is 10 working days from referral, whether the case is urgent or non-urgent.

The target time in Wales is that 95 per cent should start treatment within 62 days in urgent cases, and be seen in less than 26 weeks in non-urgent cases.

This difference is truly alarming.

As readers of The GEM are aware, I have previously highlighted that the



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

Welsh Government has repeatedly missed its own target for treating urgent cases of suspected cancer.

During August 2012, 72 people in Wales were not treated within 62 days. The Welsh Government's target is to treat 95 per cent within that time. It was missed by 10 per cent in August.

As health is a devolved issue, the Welsh Government has sole responsibility for this matter. The 95 per cent target has not been met since the current First Minister took up his position – this continued failure to reach the Welsh Government's own target must surely demand immediate action.

I am so angry that people in the Vale and across Wales fail to receive the treatment they need to battle cancer, within the time-frame that the Welsh Government has set. As we all know,

getting treatment for cancer as soon as possible is critical. I have written to the Minister for Health and Social Services in Cardiff Bay, calling for immediate action and clarification of any plans to amend the target waiting times.

The Health Minister in Wales needs to ensure urgent implementation of the All-Wales Action Plan to ensure that we can receive a first class cancer treatment service in Wales. The committed and hard-working front-line staff need support to meet these targets.

Last month in Westminster, I called for a debate in Parliament for a comparison of cancer treatment and care across the nations of the UK.

An open and all-party debate in Parliament will be a platform to inform all about the importance of prompt cancer care and treatment.

Delays in treatment and the inaccessibility of cancer drugs for patients in the Vale is something that all too regularly crops up in my constituency surgeries.

With different approaches by different governments in Wales and England, I am worried that the availability of lifesaving treatment will come down to the colour of politics.

We have the opportunity to make effective changes that can save lives. It is clear that by following these principles, we give ourselves the best possible chance to match our European counterparts' breast cancer survival rates and make a real difference.

To find out more and to pledge your support for the Breakthrough Breast Cancer's Save More Lives campaign, please visit www.savemorelives.org.uk

Young people steal show at Vale volunteers' AGM

YOUNG people again stole the limelight at the Vale Volunteer Bureau AGM on November 1, when 10 were awarded Millennium volunteer certificates and Agored Cymru accreditations.

Alison Steere, director, remarked: "It's great to see so many young people who give up their time to help others in the community and in doing so, gain formal recognition through the reward programmes."

GRANTS PANEL

Dish out Dosh, a youth-led grants panel, also provided updates on their projects; these included Major Music, Cadoston Youth Project, Motion Control Dance Vibe Experience, 1148 Penarth Squadron Air Training Corps, Countryside Connections and The Den – Sully Youth Club.

The AGM celebrated the monetary value of volunteering in the Vale: "This year the figure is a massive £29,487,731.67, which indicates how much in monetary terms volunteering is worth to the communities in the Vale."

For further information on volunteering, contact Vale Volunteer Bureau, 34 Holton Road, Barry. Opening hours: Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm. Call: 01446 421782, email: info@vvb.org.uk, or visit: www.vvb.org.uk.



ABOVE: Kieran Wyatt.

Local groups gain from Big Lottery

FOUR local charities are among 75 community-based projects sharing in £269,968 awarded under the latest round of the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All small grants programme.

The Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme in Bridgend (£2,881), Sully U3A (£2,092), Elfed Avenue United Church (£2,070), and Gibbonsdown

Children's Centre Limited in Barry (£4,425) were the lucky recipients.

Gareth Williams, Awards for All funding manager, said:

"Awards for All is having a positive impact throughout Wales.

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Pupils prove that they are all in it together!



LEFT: Year-3 pupils at their assembly.

THE year-3 pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School chose the harvest season to perform their latest class assembly.

The theme was to show that everyone is equally important, no matter where their individual talents lie.

The children performed a play entitled *The Vegetable Patch*, in which groups of vegetables were arguing over who was the best, until Mrs Green, the gardener, made them understand that everyone is equally important to make a good salad.

The children used songs, prayers, poetry and a PowerPoint narrative display to enhance their theme.

The audience of parents, guests and fellow pupils enjoyed the assembly and teacher, Mr Ball, issued a massive 'thank you' on behalf of headteacher, Richard Ware, for a delightful performance.

He also passed on thanks to year-3 teacher, Mrs Williams, and her helpers for all their hard work.

CAMERA CLUB MEET FOR COMPETITION AWARDS

ON Friday, October 26, Barry Camera Club held its monthly photographic competition.

This was judged by Fred Davies from Cardiff Camera Club. He described judges' training courses he had been on, and said that the focus did not necessarily have to be on the technical aspects of the photo, but also personal interpretation.

The winner of the colour print category was won by Barbra Archdale-Smith with a print entitled 'Two's Company'.

This picture was taken early one March morning on Lake Windermere, with a mist hanging over the surface of the water, with the sun trying to push through. It contains two pairs of floating objects, boats and geese.

The sun managed to break through just enough to provide a small amount of light, to give the overall image a boost.

Frank Cleland won the projected image category with 'Heron' (above, right), which shows a heron standing in the long grass and was taken with a long lens at the Cardigan

Wetlands centre in the summer.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday from 7pm to 9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join.

Alternatively, for more information, visit www.barrycameraclub.org.uk. FC



Frank Cleland's 'Heron'.

Penarth Aviation Society learn about flight simulators

IMAGINE piloting a night flight from California to London, plotting the route for a 10-hour journey, checking the weather, keeping on course, recognising landmarks from over the United States, then being contacted by virtual air traffic control at Heathrow and landing – all without leaving the ground.

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It may sound crazy to anyone who has not wanted to pilot an aeroplane, but hundreds of thousands of flight simulators have been sold, which gives

an idea of how many people would love to experience being behind the controls of a real aircraft.

One who has a flight simulator is Barrie Howell, a member of Penarth Aviation Society. Last week he spoke about their history and development, using videos to illustrate how they give the sensation of flying and demand piloting skills, at the meeting of Penarth Aviation Society.

Barry has 'flown' over Penarth, Barry and across the Atlantic, picking up landmarks and roads from overhead and communicating with other simulator fliers like the would-be pilot coming in from Los Angeles after a night-long flight.

Further information about the society is available from David Ephraim on 01446 721321, or at: www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk. YT

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Funding talks that bring hope of building better way forward for Wales

OVER the past few weeks, I have been explaining what the fairer funding deal we have secured for the Welsh Government will offer, to help boost the Welsh economy and strengthen our financial position.

I have been engaged in inter-governmental talks with the UK Government's Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander MP, over the past year, with two items on the agenda.

Firstly, to secure recognition from the Treasury that our funding arrangements need reforming as a result of the outdated Barnett Formula, which is used by the UK Government to allocate finance to

Wales on an annual basis. This is called 'the Block Grant,' for which we currently receive over £15 billion, based on our population, for the services devolved to us in Wales – such as health and education – using the Barnett formula (which was devised in the 1970s) to allocate finance across the UK.

The tough challenge was to get the Treasury to recognise that the way we have been funded is disadvantaging us, because it is not based on our needs.

A 'needs-based' formula would take into account our health, education and social needs, and adjust our funding accordingly.

What has happened over the past decade or so is that our funding for public services has been driven down, relative to the funding allocated in England.

The breakthrough with the statement we made on October 24 was the recognition by the Treasury that this has happened and that we need to work together (Welsh and UK Governments) to address this when public finances begin to grow again – after this period of cuts in public spending, when our budgets have been reduced.

We have been very fortunate to have the analysis of our funding position and the impact of the Barnett Formula undertaken by the Welsh economist, Professor Gerry Holtham, who advised the Welsh Government on the disparities that existed.

This report was endorsed by all parties in the Assembly and has provided the authoritative evidence needed for the inter-governmental talks, and helped provide the basis for the agreement on the position, which will help us secure the funding base needed to deliver efficient and effective public services in Wales.

The second item on the agenda was to make the case for the Welsh Government to have the power to borrow money to invest in our infrastructure – our roads, schools, housing and hospitals.

We have a capital programme but this has been cut by over 40 per cent by the UK Government, and we need to be able to borrow to take forward our building programme, which creates jobs, especially in the construction sector.

struction sector.

A recent poll showed widespread support for the Welsh Government to have borrowing powers.

The UK Government has now accepted in principle that the Welsh Government should be able to borrow to help our building programme.

The CBI Director for Wales, Emma Watkin, has welcomed this announcement, saying that these borrowing powers must be used to fund projects that stimulate the economy and drive investment.

Although our borrowing powers will be linked to a revenue stream, which could be via the devolution of some small taxes – under consideration by the Silk Commission which will report shortly – the UK Government also agreed that we could consider borrowing to fund some specific projects ahead of tax devolution.

I am meeting the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to discuss this later this week.

All good news for Wales, the Welsh economy, and communities.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THE Marie Curie hospice in Penarth will be holding a Christmas fayre on Saturday, November 10, from 10.30am to 1pm.

Purchase Christmas cards, Marie Curie merchandise, guess the weight of the cake, enter the raffle. Treat yourself to some festive goodies and take a look at the newly-refurbished hospice.

Tea, coffee and refreshments are available.

Roadworks

TEMPORARY traffic controls at Park Crescent, Barry; Port Road Barry, at the junction with Pencoedre Lane, Barry; Llandough Trading Estate, Penarth.

Roadworks at Colugh Street, Llantwit Major.

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WELSH ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

Festival winner's hamper of delights!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Markets ran a free hamper draw at the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, and the winner, Paul Yeoman, of Cardiff, came to the Cowbridge market on Saturday to collect his prize.

The hamper was bulging with goodies from every stall at the market – everything from venison, beef, bacon, jams, eggs, sauces, cakes and cheese.

Paul was presented with his hamper by market manager John Fordham. The farmers' market runs regular hamper draws. The next will be presented at the two Christmas markets on December 22 in Penarth and on December 23 in Cowbridge.



ABOVE: Paul Yeoman receives his hamper prize from market manager John Fordham.

New mayoral car bought by council

THE Vale Council has replaced its mayoral Jaguar car with a new Skoda.

The council took delivery of the car on November 5, to replace the Mayor's Jaguar XJ6 V6 SE Auto – which had to be disposed of after an accident.

The new vehicle, a Skoda Superb Hatchback SE Greenline II, 1.6TDI (manual), was purchased outright from an official Skoda dealer for £17,500.

Gareth George, the council's fleet manager, said: "It was important to source a replacement vehicle for the Jaguar that was suitable for the council's corporate engagements and relevant to the current economic climate, and our wish to reduce our environmental impact.

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Penarth Computer Club – ‘Beeps’ and memory test

PRIDE comes before a fall, as they say: my personal top ten tips of things to master as soon as possible wasn't enough for me. I proudly added two more as great time-savers.

When browsing the web it is sometimes difficult to read the small print. 'Ctrl+A' will enlarge the content of the live web window. 'Ctrl+' will reduce it (the plus sign means hold down the first key whilst pressing the second one. Don't type the brackets).

This gives you the chance to manipulate the content and window for viewing or for printing in XP. For printing in Windows 7, the snip tool is easier.

The tips were for

new users, and a little tongue-in-cheek revision for the old hands. So far so good. The second extra tip concerned the 'Caps Lock' key.

I suggested that sometimes you look up at what you are typing and realise that instead of pressing the shift key for a single capital letter, you accidentally pressed the caps lock key immediately above it. Now you have a string of type all in capital letters (upper case).

The murmurs and nodding from the assembly clearly indicated that it struck a chord.

After making a suitable remark to vent frustration you have a couple of options. Delete the capitals and re-type is the most straightforward, as well as being the most work.

The situation can be

recovered (if you can remember) by highlighting the offending text and holding down the shift key whilst you press the function button 'F3' (usually on the top line of your keyboard). The highlighted upper case instantly switches to lower case. Check the text to insert any required capitals.

Rather than remembering all that, the problem can be forestalled by making the Caps Lock key beep a warning when pressed.

In XP, click on Start>Control Panel>Accessibility Options to get a dialogue box. On the 'Keyboard' tab, put a tick in the box against 'Use ToggleKeys' and click 'OK'.

Now, when you press the 'Caps Lock' key you will hear the warning beep. The beep also sounds if you use the 'Number Lock' key or the 'Scroll Lock' key as these keys can cause confusion if accidentally pressed.

Thus alerted, a second keypress will sound a different beep and cancel the accidental keypress.

In Widows 7, there is the same facility at Start>Control Panel>Ease of Access Centre>Make the keyboard easier to use>put a tick in the box alongside 'Turn on Toggle

Keys' and say 'OK'. Unusually, it seems to be pot luck if it works for you or not and there is no explanation.

I use XP and Windows 7, but it has been so long since I set up my 'beep' that I had forgotten how to do it and had to do my own revision in order to explain.

The next meeting is on Tuesday November 13 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 8pm start. The talk will be on: 'Backing up files: the latest thinking'. See: penarthcomputerclub.co.uk for more details.

Howard Desmond
Chairman

IN BRIEF

AM's surgery
VALE of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery at Castleland Drop In Centre, Barry, on Friday, November 9 from 4pm-6pm. No appointment necessary.

Scout fayre
THE 11th Barry Sea Scout Group are holding their Christmas fayre on Saturday, November 17 at 11.30am in the Scout Hall, Iliminster Street, Barry.
Raffle, tombola, Father Christmas, games, barbecue, and cakes!

Vale AM says happy birthday to Age Concern

Cardiff and Vale Age Concern has celebrated its 21st 'birthday' with an anniversary fair held at Crossways Road Methodist Church Hall; it will also open its refurbished Senior Health Shop this week on Holton Road.

Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale, attended the anniversary fair and congratulated the volunteers on their support and their on-going commitment to Age Concern.

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Marie Curie hospice re-opens after £1.7million refurbishment scheme



ABOVE: Nurse Heledd Saunders with patient Sylvia Symmonds.

THE Marie Curie Cancer Care hospice in Penarth was officially re-opened at a ceremony on Monday (November 5).

The hospice has had a £1.7m refurbishment programme to improve patient and family facilities, and the re-opening was marked by a visit from the Minister for

Health and Social Services, Lesley Griffiths AM.

A Marie Curie spokeswoman said: "The improvements have created additional single occupancy rooms, as well as new en-suite facilities for all the hospice's multi-bed wards."

"Friends and family areas such as the hospice's visitors' room



ABOVE: Ward sister Beck Bailey, Lesley Griffiths AM, and health care assistant Mo Harper.

have been refurbished to provide visitors with space and privacy to talk to clinical staff or spend time with loved ones.

"In addition, the existing reception area has been transformed into a modern and welcoming open-plan space."

The hospice, formerly known as Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth,

has been re-named Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale to better reflect the area it serves.

Supporting around 1,200 patients a year, the hospice welcomes patients from Cardiff, the Vale, Newport and Caerphilly, as well as Penarth.

Karen Stephens, the hospice manager, said: "We are hugely pleased to welcome our patients back to the hospice's new and improved facilities."

"Built 25 years ago, it was in real need of modernisation."

"We passionately believe that terminally ill people should be able to access the care and

support they need at the end of their life in an environment which ensures privacy, dignity and comfort."

The Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale makes this possible for hundreds of patients and families each year.

"In taking this opportunity to re-name hospice we hope that people will better understand the communities we serve."

"We welcome referrals via GPs, district nurses or discharge nurses."

Michael Davies, 28, a police officer from St Mellons, is a patient. Talking about his care, he said: "Marie Curie



ABOVE: Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Health and Social Services, visits one of the newly-refurbished wards

Cancer Care has been a fantastic support, not only to me, but also to my family and friends.

"The environment here is very different to a hospital."

"The staff are such a great support and the high ratio of staff to patients means that the nurses are able respond quickly and efficiently to our needs."

"The complementary therapies offered here have really helped me manage my pain and think about my illness differently, and the cooked breakfast each morning always gives me a reason to get up."

"The sea views from my room are fantastic - I feel I have the best

room in the house. To be able to have my own en-suite bathroom allows me the privacy that I would not be able to get elsewhere."

Lesley Griffiths AM met patients and staff as she officially opened the refurbished hospice.

She said: "I am delighted to officially re-open the hospice. It is a very special facility, which I know will sup-

port a great many people. I recently launched a consultation on delivering excellent end of life care, and I hope to hear from clinicians, managers, patients and families as part of the consultation process."

For more information visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/penarth or call 0800 716 146.

MARIE CURIE NURSE HIGHLIGHTS CAMPAIGN

LOCAL Marie Curie nurse, Kiera Jones, is highlighting the charity's Legacy Awareness campaign, to ensure nurses like herself can continue to pro-

vide free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes.

Kiera is raising awareness of the importance of making a will, to ensure people's wishes are carried out, and

to remember Marie Curie.

The charity has also produced a video for the awareness campaign, dispelling some of the myths around leaving gifts in wills, and telling the stories of people who have chosen to support the charity in this way.

Keira said: "Gifts in wills are hugely important in ensuring people get the right care when and where they need it at the end of their lives, and are able to spend their final days in their place of choice."

For more information about how you can remember Marie Curie Cancer Care in your will, contact local legacy advisor, Phae Comber-Jones on 07545 422683 or phae.comber-jones@mariecurie.org.uk, or visit: www.mariecurie.org.uk/giftsinwills.

Plaid councillors are angry at 'refusal' to discuss LDP in public

LOCAL Plaid councillors are claiming that the chair of the Vale Planning Committee has refused to discuss the status of the LDP in the Vale.

Coun Chris Franks and Nic Hodges have branded this as "outrageous".

Coun Hodges has said that he attempted to seek clarity about the plans that involve building 10,000 houses across the Vale.

He said: "I was shocked that the chair said that the LDP was nothing to do with the Planning Committee. Plaid considers it a shame that the discussions were cut short by the Labour chair."

"When the new cabinet was formed, we were promised open and transparent government. Yet the saga of the LDP has been clouded in mystery for months."

"On one hand, at the election the public was promised that the plans would be 'scrapped', and then there was a rolling back on that commitment."

"Unfortunately, as it's

a legal document, it cannot be scrapped in a secret Labour Party meeting."

"It has to be presented to council and debated in public. The Planning Committee was an ideal opportunity to explain the situation."

Director of development services at the

Vale Council, Rob Thomas, said: "The situation relating to the LDP will be reported to cabinet in the very near future."

"Indeed, it had been hoped that the matter would be reported on November 5 (Monday), but this was not possible."

Cancer Research puts out a call for old jewellery

Cancer Research UK has raised hundreds of pounds in recent 5 years from recycled jewellery, and is calling on Vale residents to keep donating.

A spokesperson said: "We have a stall at the local farmers' market every month, as well as our various local fundraising events. Every penny raised is a step forward."

Ring Diane Jones on 01446 784762 or Sue Sharp on 01446 773670 for more information.

Surgery notice

Labour councillors for Castleland ward, Barry, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 10, at the Drop-In Centre, at Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry, between 10.30am and 12 noon.

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ELECTION FOR POLICE COMMISSIONER

Candidate blasts Government over publicity 'failure'

A CANDIDATE for the post of Police Commissioner for south Wales has attacked the UK Government for failing to give enough publicity to candidates and issues in the run-up to the election.

A week today (Thursday, November 15) voters throughout south Wales will have the chance to vote for a Police Commissioner for the south Wales area.

The commissioner will replace the South Wales Police Authority on November 22, and will cover Bridgend, the

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

Vale, Cardiff, Merthyr, Neath Port Talbot, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Swansea.

However, Mike Baker, who is standing as an independent, says that voters will go to cast their votes without receiving adequate publicity.

He told The GEM: "I have travelled extensively in my efforts to get my message to all parts of south Wales, and I apologise to anyone who has not received one of my leaflets, or had the chance to speak to me.

"The cost of covering all of south Wales has

been very expensive, though leaflets have been sent to 500,000 homes in an effort to communicate.

"The Government has failed dramatically to let the people know in good time about this election.

"We also hear that the election booklet that was to be sent to many homes in Wales was not written in Welsh, and this has cost in the region of £350,000, money that could have been spent sending candidate leaflets with the booklet to allow the public to make informed decisions.

"If you have not yet received a leaflet and would like to do so please contact me at mikeforcommissioner@gmail.com and I will send one by return."

THE CANDIDATES:
• Mike Baker, Independent.
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• Alun Edward Michael, Labour Party Candidate.
• Tony Verderame, Independent.

For more information on the candidates, and to read their personal statements, visit www.choosemyppc.org.uk/

Cemetery Approach – future to be decided by local people

RESIDENTS in the Vale have taken part in a consultation on the future of land at Cemetery Approach in Barry.

The Vale Council is now looking at how it can deliver an open community garden and allotments – the most popular options chosen by local people.

Talking about the consultation, the Leader of the council, Coun Neil Moore, said: "I'd like to thank all the residents who took the time to tell us their preference for the future of the land at Cemetery Approach.

"This is the first of several consultations that we have planned.

"We will soon be consulting on the future of the former St Paul's Church in Penarth and the former St Cyres School site in Dinas Powys, and your views would be welcome on these issues, too.

"Inevitably, there will always be some issues where we will be restricted by budgets or legislation, and I am acutely aware that we cannot please all of the

people all of the time, but we will endeavour to take a decision that will be reasoned, logical and where the reasons for that decision are clear."

During August and September, the council asked Vale residents what should be done with the two parcels of land at Cemetery Approach.

This was the final stage of a consultation project that began in March.

Residents were asked to cast a vote on what they wished to see at the site.

They were given the following options: allotments (potentially including a community shop or café), a play area, an open community space (featuring flower beds and benches), further cemetery facilities, parking facilities, an educational facility for local primary schools or an ecological or bio diversity garden.

Residents were also given the opportunity to suggest another option if they felt those offered were not suitable.

All Vale residents were able to cast a vote as part of the consultation; either on the council's

website or over the phone through the council's CIV contact centre.

There were 178 responses to the survey; 138 were returned by post and 40 were submitted online.

There were two options that were significantly more popular – 31 per cent of respondents voted for an open community garden and 25 per cent of respondents voted for allotments.

As well as being asked to vote for a future option for the site, residents were also asked whether they would consider volunteering to help run or maintain any future development – 34 per cent of respondents answered that they would.

On September 24, the council cabinet received the findings of the report and those members present accepted the findings.

Visible Services are to set out a plan for how the outcome desired by residents could be delivered.

The officers responsible will present their plans to a December meeting of the cabinet.

Inspirational Homes and Gardens

How berries can make your garden a friend to the birds

HANNAH STEPHENSON offers tips on the best plants to grow for berries which will not only add colour to your garden, but attract birds as well.

GARDENERS should be continuing to refill their bird-feeders and baths during the cooler months, when the birds really need them, but it's worth looking at some 'berried treasures' to plant in borders as well.

Indeed, with some plants, such as pernettya and snowberry, the berries are the main

attraction, as their flowers are small and insignificant.

Don't just think of red when you consider adding a shrub with berries to your garden. Their colours range from white to black and most colours in between.

As they contain the reproductive part of the plant, berries are perfect for increasing your stock of plants.

The birds have a habit of helping with propagation, by spreading seeds all over the garden.

Also, there are quite a few trees which will provide birds with food throughout the autumn and winter months.

The rowan tree, mountain ash and white-beam, which all belong to the genus Sorbus, carry abundant crops of berries from autumn onwards and provide some fantastic autumn leaf colour as well.

The golden-berried rowan, Sorbus 'Joseph Rock', provides both colour for gardeners and food for blackbirds with its abundant berry crop.

For the best of both worlds, plant a Sorbus sargentiana, which has pinnate leaves which turn brilliant red in autumn, large sticky red buds in winter and huge clusters of white flowers, followed by bright red berries for the birds.

Another good garden stalwart that provides masses of fruit is the herringbone cotoneaster, with its dense tapestry of branches and small, glossy leaves, also providing good nesting sites for small birds – and homes to many of the insects on which they feed.

It's a compact, deciduous species bearing

pinkish white flowers, followed by bright red berries and reaches a maximum height of around 1.5m (5ft) and is particularly suitable for training against a sunny wall.

If you prefer orange berries, go for the semi-evergreen C. simonsii, which grows a little taller and produces a new set of leaves in mid-autumn which may last until spring.

Of course, no berry-rich garden should be without at least two varieties of holly, as they need a male and a female to pollinate.

An abundant crop of scarlet or yellow autumn berries should appear as long as a male form of holly is planted near to every three to five female plants.

Often persisting through most of the winter, the fruits provide vital cold-weather food for many types of song-bird, while deciduous forms with persistent bright red fruits include 'Sparkleberry' and Ilex verticillata 'Winter Red', with its dark green, toothed foliage.

Birds aren't interested in all berries, which is just as well, because if you only plant their favourites, you may have little colour left by Christmas.

So plant some specimens which the birds will leave alone, such as Skimmia, Aucuba and the guelder rose (Viburnum opulus), which tend to be their least favourites.

Ivy berries, which usually ripen later in the winter when food is scarce, are extremely valuable to birds, while crab apples are also appreciated in winter.

When considering your food supply for the birds, remember that fruiting wall shrubs including pyracantha and flowering quince will need to be pruned after flowering each year to keep them close to the wall.

You may lose a few young berries, but the rest will ripen better and the shrub will look neater if it doesn't out-grow its space.

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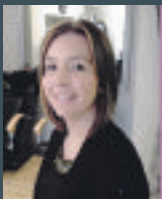
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- Pick off yellowing leaves of Brussels sprouts and harvest them when large enough.
- Collect plant supports and canes to store for winter.

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The asparagus ferns turn yellow as they die down and need to be cut

off at ground level to make space for next year's crop.

Also, remove weeds from the bed, as asparagus does not like competition, and mulch the soil generously with well-rotted organic matter.

Anyone growing asparagus will understand how much space it needs. It's a shallow-rooted perennial crop which doesn't like disturbance and occupies the ground full-time, and it takes a couple of years to settle in.

However, despite the fact that you can't pick much for the first three years, once established it won't often let you down.

If you do get thin spears, it's generally down to weak plants that have been harvested too early, cut too heavily in previous years or not fed sufficiently.

Autumn garden

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Derived from the Japanese rose, it has upright, thorny stems and repeat-flowers, producing fragrant magenta or white blooms with a centre of yellow stamens, followed by large, tomato-like hips.

Hedgehog roses will grow in any fertile, moist but well-drained soil in sun or partial shade. Every three to four years, cut out one or two old shoots to the ground in winter.

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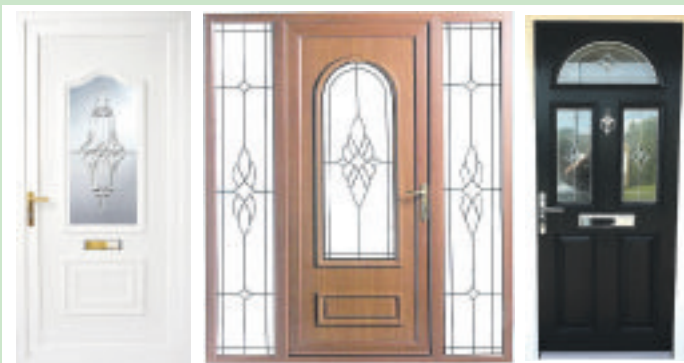
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FRENCH DRAMA MAKES FOR A BEAUTIFUL AND TOUCHING EXPERIENCE

ONE of the finest film-makers working outside of the Hollywood system is French writer and director, Jacques Audiard.

Having made the likes of *The Beat That My Heart Skipped*, he came to true prominence outside of Europe with 2009's *A Prophet*, a Scarface-like crime drama that was nominated for 'Best Foreign Language Film' at the 2010 Academy Awards.

Audiard's latest, *Rust and Bone*, tells the story of Ali (Matthias Schoenaerts) who, with his young son, goes to live with his sister and her husband. A chance encounter with Stephanie (Marion Cotillard), a killer whale trainer, sees Ali's life turn a whole different way after Stephanie is involved in a tragic accident, and slowly a bond starts to form...

For all the testosterone that pervaded *A Prophet*, what was really telling was the intricacy with the way Audiard sketched the central relationships of the characters and constructed the story around such a

well-used premise (man rises through the ranks and becomes more powerful, only to learn the cost of true power and the destructive nature it can yield).

He is on similar ground here, *Rust and Bone* sounding, from the synopsis, like the sort of film you can find ten-a-penny on the Hallmark Channel, the sort of piece that hands out life lessons all too eagerly.

However, on such a familiar skeleton Audiard, and co-writers Thomas Bidegain and Craig Davidson (the film based on his short story collection of the same name) build a tale that is full of hope, sadness, optimism and ruefulness.

It cleaves close to real-life but takes turns that feel peculiar and are not signposted as clearly as you might think. It is the work of a top director and writer, but one that also meanders a little too much for its own good.

The story is one that feels fresher given the care and attention that has gone into it; the characters are commonly sketched but the writing brings them to life viscerally. As the story progresses and they go through the machina-

tions, you can't help but feel empathy and sympathy for them in equal measure, troubled souls whose chink of light is each other, but they struggle to realise this.

The film hinges on the lead characters with the other supporting characters dipping in and out with sub-plots that aren't fully fleshed out.

While that does grate ever so slightly (why is the relationship between Ali and his sister so troubled?)

Why is Stephanie trying to undermine her relationship with her boyfriend? These don't feel like holes as much as unanswered questions that ultimately hold little sway over what the film is trying to say.

That the lead turns are as magnetic as they are is a massive help to the film, with both Cotillard and Schoenaerts very impressive here.

The former has the real emotional heft to carry and does it with a performance that is mesmerising in its frankness and emotionally-engaging, a chance for the actress to show off the chops that got her an Academy Award for her turn as Edith Piaf in *La Vie En Rose*.

Cotillard doesn't wil-

fully play the victim, instead letting the viewer into her world slowly and peeling back the layers in an outstanding display of acting.

Similarly, Schoenaerts' performance is a solid one, shorn of Cotillard's emotional journey but dripping with controlled rage and anger. His character wants to better himself but seems to trip himself when he tries to run, and Schoenaerts delivers the goods with aplomb.

Audiard's direction similarly straddles the line between visceral reality and woozy, dreamy beauty.

Sequences such as Ali fighting for his child's welfare and future in a bare-knuckle boxing fight, are shot through with hard-hitting violence rubbed up against moments like a post-accident Stephanie returning to her work place, and communicating through the glass with a killer whale.

Much like his previous work, Audiard doesn't scribble on real-life with his direction, but marries it with some gorgeous visuals that lift the film, particularly when it veers towards becoming too maudlin. There certainly are



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BOOK REVIEW: The GWR tale is on track for Christmas

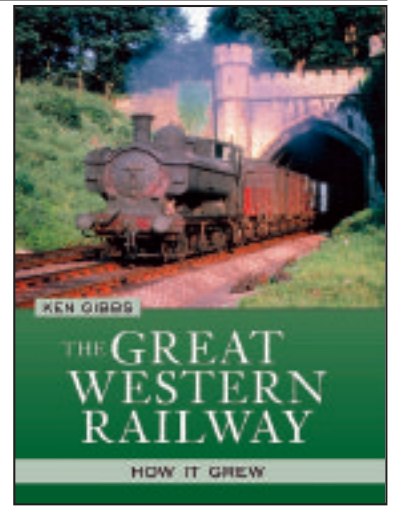
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The Great Western Railway - How It Grew is published by Amberley Publishing at £18.99 and traces the GWR's history from the very beginning.

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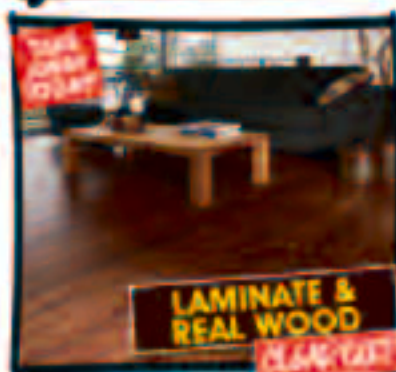
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'I PRAY THAT WE WILL NEVER TURN OUR FACES AWAY' – says GEM reader

RECENTLY, I came across the poem

'And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda', written by Scottish-born Australian singer-songwriter Eric Bogle in 1971, at a fundraising event for Help for Heroes.

It shows the futility of war, and is about the first World War experiences of a member of the ANZACS, the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli in Turkey.

It really made me think hard about this event called Remembrance, which we celebrate each year

on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

The first verse goes like this:

When I was a young man I carried me pack
And I lived the free life of the rover
From the Murray's green basin to the dusty outback
I waltzed my Matilda all over
Then in 1915 my country said: Son,
It's time to stop rambling, there's work to be done
So they gave me a tin hat and they gave me a gun
And they sent me away to the war
And the band played

Waltzing Matilda
When the ship pulled away from the quay
And amid all the tears, flag waving and cheers
We sailed off for Gallipoli.

The Gallipoli landings were a disaster. The ANZACS suffered terribly in a badly planned operation which rivalled The Somme campaign for the carnage it produced.

The young man in the story was seriously wounded and was evacuated back to Australia.

They collected the wounded, the crippled, the maimed
And they shipped us

back home to Australia
The armless, the legless, the blind and insane
Those proud wounded heroes of Suvla
And when the ship pulled into Circular Quay

I looked at the place where me legs used to be
And thank Christ there was no one there waiting for me
To grieve and to mourn and to pity

And the Band played Waltzing Matilda
When they carried us down the gangway
But nobody cheered, they just stood there and stared
Then they all turned their faces away

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The last verse of the

poem says this:

Now every year I sit on my porch
And I watch the parade pass before me
I see my old comrades, how proudly they march
Renewing their dreams of past glories
I see the old men all tired, stiff and worn
Those weary old heroes of a forgotten war
And the young people ask "What are they marching for?"
And I ask myself the same question

And the band plays Waltzing Matilda
And the old men still answer the call
But year after year, their numbers get fewer
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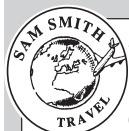
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We should remember one Barrian who fought and died for his country

WITH Remembrance Day almost upon us, local historian Dr Jonathan Hicks tells the story behind one of the names on Barry's military Roll of Honour:

Private James Thomas Hudd of Hywel Crescent in Barry was part of the 2nd (Airborne) Battalion of the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry during the Second World War.

He joined the army in 1934 at the age of 15, having convinced the recruiting officer that he was 18.

As a schoolboy, he had been chosen to play football in goal for Wales against England in the 1932 schoolboy international at Jenner Park.

He served in India for five years, winning no fewer than 12 silver cups for his exploits in football and running. Known as 'Ike', he was married with a son.

The Ox and Bucks Airborne Troops had distinguished themselves just before the D-Day landings, when they had captured Pegasus and Horsa Bridges over the Caen Canal and Orne River.

Led by Major John Howard, they had landed their gliders next to their objectives at 12.06am on June 6, 1944. They were the first Allied troops to land in France, and within 10 minutes had taken both bridges for the loss of just two men.

The Germans launched several counter-attacks in an attempt to re-take the bridges, without success. Later in the day the rest of the 2nd Ox and Bucks arrived to relieve the first



Private James Thomas Hudd, of Hywel Crescent, Barry.

group.

In early September, the battalion was withdrawn to the UK to refit and reorganise. Of the original 181 men, only 40 remained fit for duty.

In December they were sent back to France to help take part in the defence of the German attack in the Ardennes – the 'Battle of the Bulge'.

On March 24, 1945, James was part of 'Operation

Varsity', the crossing of the Rhine. 1,572 planes towing 1,326 gliders took part in the largest airborne assault in history.

He landed in a glider again, but this time the Germans were ready and met the assaulting British troops with ferocious fire, causing hundreds of casualties.

James Hudd was killed, aged 26, during this action and is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery in Germany.

James was one of hundreds of Barrians who died during the Second World War; some as the result of enemy action, some as the victims of tragic accidents.

Most died while wearing their country's uniform, others while they were sheltering in their houses from German bombs.

Their sacrifice should never be forgotten.

How Charlie (18) died in a war against his father's countrymen

GEM reader David Cirrell brings to our attention a sonnet about a young Barry man killed in action during the First World War, and his links to the Barry area.

He explains: "Charles Fisher was my uncle, and I wrote the poem after learning from my mother about her much-loved and cherished brother, who died many years before I was born."

To Charles Fisher – Rifleman (killed in action, 1917).

He fell in Flanders, barely a man,

Not fighting, but died saving men

From shattered landscapes where forlorn hope ran

Through mud and rusting wire, snaring riflemen.

White arm bands with red crosses clear to see

Against that desolate, smoking ground.

Hard running, dodging, ducking breathlessly

Their paths through shell-wreathed gothic ruins wound,

Where once the streets of Ypres used to be

Their market stalls with bright umbrellas crowned

That stretcher-bearers never were to see.

Yet still they came where dying men were found

And helping others died, unarmed, unseen

Just selfless boys: young Charlie was eighteen.

"Charles Fisher was born and raised in Barry. However, his father, Peter Fisher (my grandfather), was an Austrian.

"At the declaration of war in 1914, the police arrived at Peter Fisher's home in Churchill Terrace, declared him to be an

'enemy alien', arrested him and locked him up, awaiting transfer to a detention camp.

"However, Peter Fisher was a much-loved and respected member of the community. He was employed at Barry Docks and had worked there since they had opened.

"Upon his arrest the docks labour force, to a man, came out on strike and refused to return until Peter Fisher was released. The authorities had no option but to release him. They did so, and he continued to live in his home in Churchill Terrace until he died during the Second World War.

"I remember him well from when I was a small boy because he was a sailor on the 'Tall Ships' and, at that age, I could not think of a more wonderful and adventurous way of life.

"It is sadly ironic that Peter Fisher's son was killed in a war against his father's countrymen."

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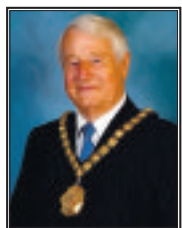
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As well as displaying flags of all three of the core services, medal displays and memorabilia are featured, together with descriptions of some of the acts of heroism that surround the awarding of medals to recipients.

A spokesperson explained: "Many of the items on display have been loaned by local military historian and headteacher at St Cyres School, Penarth, Dr Jonathan Hicks, to whom we are very grateful.

"Inside our premises, we have poppies available and we invite the public to call in and donate."



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Success for Vale's young innovators

Two budding designers from Vale schools have won top prizes for their outstanding work in the WJEC's A-Level and GCSE design and technology courses.

They received them from the First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, at the Innovation Exhibition and Awards 2012.

Owen Jones, from Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, won the A-Level category for his disc, which lifesavers can use to save people in the water without putting their own lives in danger.

Emma Williams from St Cyres School won third prize in the GCSE category. She was presented with £100 and an additional £100 for her school for her low voltage lighting.

Gareth Pierce, WJEC

Chief Executive, said the awards were important as: "they provide an opportunity to develop forward thinking".

The two-day exhibition, held at the SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff, last month, aimed to give young people in Wales the opportunity to showcase their talent and be creative and technologically innovative.

After enjoying a tour of the exhibition and engaging with students about their work, the First Minister went on to award prizes for the winners.

He said: "This is the third time I have attended these awards. I never fail to be impressed and inspired by the outstanding projects. It is great to see the potential future designers and engineers who may come up with the next must-have gadget and technology."

'Llandough youth deserve support' – says local councillor

A Llandough community councillor is calling for more support for young people in an area where there is little provision for them.

Tony Muston told The GEM: "I have recently become involved with the youth of Llandough through the V-Pod bus and Vibe Experience – a project run by the Vale Council youth service.

"I had the chance to explain some of the things that Llandough Community Council is trying to do to improve the area.

"I told them about our scheme to put up bird boxes and plant flowers to improve the local biodiversity."

He said: "I was impressed with the work that the council youth workers, Baz, Jason, Leon and Shaun, are doing. There is even talk now about finding a way to start a youth club.

"These youngsters are the future so let's give them a chance. I also

met six students from St Cyres School who have set up a project called 'don't bin it yet'.

"They walk dogs, wash cars, cut lawns for a small fee and donate the money to charities, so let's support them."

PACT

LLANDOUGH PACT, British Legion Club, November 12 at 7pm.

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community and Learning Centre, November 14 at 6pm.

SULLY PACT, Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully, November 15 at 7pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise, December 5 at 10.30am.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is
Patricia Bevan-Morgan
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IT is good to see the Star Inn in Wick reopened under new management, with the name Francis over the door, bringing Wick once again fully up and running, together with the Lamb and Flag. How many people know of yet another long-gone pub in the village in Church Street?

IT is sad to report the death of Glen Coleman, who is remembered as the popular past landlord of the Fox and Hounds, St Brides Major. Our thoughts go to his wife Yvonne and daughter Kelly. Funeral to take place at St Brides Major Church on Friday November 9 at 2.35pm.

BIBLE Sunday on October 28 welcomed Owen Raynor of Gideon International as guest speaker. You will find Gideon Bibles in most hotels in the country. The guest organist at St Brides was Malcolm Wilson.

REMEMBRANCE Sunday service will take place on November 11 at St Brides at 10.55am so that the Silence can be observed.

A SERVICE was held at All Saints Church,

Southern down, on November 4, to celebrate the Saints of Wales and to remember loved ones.

This was well attended. The evening was for the dedication of the new windows recently installed at the church, and was followed by a bring and share party.

DATES for the diary: November 10: tea, chat and local produce market with stalls. 10am-12 noon.

On November 13 at the church hall: *Mothers Union* – guest speaker will be Tony Newton, whose subject will be 'Using the Citizen's Advice Bureau'.

November 16: a concert by Bridgend Male Choir will be held at St Brides Church at 7.30pm.

November 24: Christmas fayre at 10am at the church hall.

Dog fouling DOG fouling is still a problem in the village, particularly around the school path area. Failure to clean up your dog's mess is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of the Land) Act 1996. You could be prosecuted and fined up to £75. Bag it and bin it!

Vale AM welcomes business rate announcement

VALE AM Jane Hutt has welcomed the announcement from Business Minister Edwina Hart AM, of £20 million funding for business rate incentives in all seven enterprise zones in Wales from January 2013.

Jane Hutt said: "I welcome the minister's announcement of a £20million business rate, targeting support for start-ups and SMEs that are creating jobs – this will be a major boost for St Athan in my constituency."

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Fines in the Vale

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XF0R have been tasked by the Vale Council to help tackle dog fouling and littering incidents in the Vale.

They are taking a zero tolerance approach to environmental crimes, where offenders will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £75 without warning.

Out and About with The GEM

Shopping event

LATE night shopping event to launch the new loyalty 'Give and Gain' cards at Red Cross clothing and furniture shops in Llantwit Major today (November 8) between 6pm and 8pm. Customers will receive 10 per cent discount off purchases if they sign up for a loyalty card on the evening advertised.

Guild meets

THE Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers meets today (Thursday, November 8) in Kynance Hall, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm.

Come along and see what members can do! Admission, members £2, visitors £5.

For further details, call Kirsten Gable (01443 650336) or email kirstengable@gmail.com or welshkirsten on ravelry.

Salem concert

SALEM Baptist Church, Beryl Road, Barry, will present a mission support concert featuring talents from Salem, on Friday, November 9, at 7pm.

Tickets £3 (children admitted free) or pay at the door; including refreshments.

Advice surgery

DYFAN Labour councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will be holding a surgery for residents of Dyfan Ward on Saturday, November 10, at the Buttrills Community Centre, North Walk, Barry, from 11am to 12pm.

Plaid advice

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any council issues or concerns.

Councillors Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan Wiliam, Nic and Shirley Hodges will be joined by the Barry Plaid Cymru team at the County Library, Kings Square, Barry, from 11am to 12noon on Saturday, November 10. No appointments are necessary.

Plaid coffee

A FREE coffee morning organised by Dinas Powys Plaid councillors will be held this Saturday (November 10) 10.30am-12 noon in the Murchfield Hall, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys.

"This will be an opportunity to raise, in a relaxed atmosphere, matters of concern," said Coun Chris Franks.

Christmas fayre

A COFFEE afternoon and Christmas fayre in aid of Ty Hafan will be held on November 11 (2pm-4pm) at Llantwit Major. Raffle, refreshments, crafts, homemade cakes. Contact Melanie, 07547 685993.

School gifts

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School holds a Christmas market with 80 stalls of unique gifts on Sunday, November 11, from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Aberthyn Road, Cowbridge, CF71 7EN. Hot and cold refreshments available. Free admission.

LDP meeting

A PUBLIC meeting has been called to discuss the future of the LDP

in the Vale by Barry independent councillor, Richard Bertin at 7pm on November 12, at Barry YMCA Hub in Court Road, Barry.

Wick scoops premiere

THE Potato Street Players are presenting their autumn production, *Bedtime Stories*, by Norm Foster, on November 14, 15, 16 in Wick and Monkash Village Hall at 7.45 pm.

It will be the play's UK premiere and it is described as "very funny, slightly risqué, with some very poignant moments".

Carroll Swaine, co-director, explained that the play was seen in Canada last year by two members of the group who decided they would like to stage it in Wick.

On returning home they attempted, unsuccessfully, to obtain a copy of the script and e-mailed the author to say how much they had enjoyed the play.

They asked if they could buy a script from him. He replied almost immediately, and attached a copy.

"When he was subsequently informed that the play had been cast and was in rehearsal, he told us that we were the first group in the UK to perform any of his works, that he was thrilled, and gave us permission to advertise it as the UK premiere," Carroll said.

Tickets, £5, are available from Mrs Edna Black-Gerrard on 01656

890382, Miss Winnie Davies, 01656 890320, or Wick Village Shop. They may also be purchased on the door, subject to availability

Painting portraits

ON November 15, Cowbridge Art Society will welcome Barry artist Carl Chapell who will give a demonstration and hold a practical session on painting portraits.

The demo will be in monochrome and members can use any medium of their choice, although the emphasis will be on form and proportion, rather than colour.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm. Visitors welcome.

For full programme, see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com

NHS 'drop-in'

NHS 'drop-in days' are being organised to give the public information on plans by the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, at the ARC Centre, Bridgend, on November 22; and at Bridgend Brewery Field on December 4 (11am-7pm). See website www.changingforthebetter.org.uk

Open sea angling

ON Sunday, November 25, Dow Corning Sea Angling Club is holding a charity open sea angling event on Cold Knap and Porthkerry beaches from 2pm to 6pm. Book in on the day at Cold Knap car park, or pre-book at Barry Angling and Holton Road Angling shops. There are 20 prizes to be won. Proceeds in aid of Ashgrove School in Penarth for children with autism.

A raffle will be drawn at 7pm, along with prizegiving for the anglers, in the Ship Inn, Barry. Contact 07792 605640.

Choir sings for charity

ON Saturday, December 1 at 7.30pm, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir will sing at Cottrell Park Golf Club in aid of The Felix Fund.

The charity supports soldiers involved in bomb disposal work.

There is also a hog roast supper and raffle. Tickets are £25; contact enidjevans@hotmail.com or 01446 781240.

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Linda Feagan



Can you give Rosie a new home?

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D747.

- £2,000: 749604.
- The rollover, which now stands at £500, was not won this week.
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- £5: 552508, 238794, 800835, 109423, 145376, 888169, 444578, 483223, 112186, 685924, 648550, 155053, 986859.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

£1,000 for charities

THE highlight of Sully Painting Group's year - the annual exhibition held in June - raised £1,000 for its chosen charities.

At the AGM held on October 30, president Ken Young presented a cheque for £500 to Amy Hopkins of the local Alzheimer's Society, while Ros Adams, exhibition organiser, presented a cheque for £500 to Tony Brand for Ty Hafan children's hospice.

"The group is really grateful for all the support it received from the people who came to the exhibition and made it possible for us to make these donations," Ros said.

The Sully Painting Group meets in the Jubilee Hall, and welcomes new members. For more information, contact Roy Green on 02920531262, or Ros Adams on 02920707553.

Well done Megan!



Megan Lowrie was the Daisy & Jack golden ticket winner at the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival.

Congratulations to Megan Lowrie of Cowbridge, who was the Daisy & Jack golden ticket winner at their grand opening weekend - the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival.

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Busy summer for Nell's Point (despite the inclement weather!)



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LEFT to RIGHT: Clive Hosken (deputy manager), Terry Ewington (manager), Vale Mayor Coun Eric Hacker, Clive Wilton (deputy manager) and Nick Rodgers (duty watchkeeper).

THE National Coastwatch Station at Nell's Point, Barry Island has had a busy season despite the unseasonal weather

throughout the summer months.

Incidents they have been involved in have varied between persons stranded on Sully Island; dinghys capsized in the channel and a dolphin

carcass being washed up on a local beach.

With the winter months now looming, daytime watch will continue out to sea and along the coastline by the volunteer watchkeepers, who work side by

side with the other search and rescue agencies along the Bristol Channel and beyond.

Following grant applications, in particular the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services 'Kick Start' initiative, the management team at Nell's Point have recently installed new radar at the station, supplied by Wigmore Wright Marine of Penarth Marina.

Gareth Wigmore and Michael Wright visited the station on Thursday, November 1 to oversee the switching on of the new system and advise the management team on the configurations most suitable for a shore-based system. They stated that they were pleased to be able to help in the supply and installation of the new radar and commended the watchkeepers on the invaluable work that they do 365 days a year.

The following day, the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker, visited the station and was met by the manager Terry Ewington and his team.

Coun Hacker was shown around the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) exhibition room on the ground floor that features the history of NCI nationally and the 47 separate stations that it has around the UK coastline, as well as the development of the station at Nell's Point.

From there, the Mayor was shown around the look-out and signed the visitors' book. Coun Hacker congratulated the watchkeepers on their very important contribution to the safety of persons at sea and along the Vale coastline. NCI Nell's Point, and

all NCI stations, receive no funding from either local or national government.

Each station holds fundraising events throughout the year and rely on the public for their support.

The Mayor has invited the crew to hold a coffee morning at the Civic Offices, Barry on Tuesday February 26, 2013 for this reason.

Concert

The Barry Male Voice Choir held a fundraising concert at the Barry Island Community Centre on Friday, October 26.

It performed a varied and well-received programme to a packed audience, and raised more than £450 for the station at Nell's Point.

Station manager Terry Ewington said: "We are very grateful to the Barry Male Voice Choir for helping us to raise this considerable sum of money, which will go to offset our running costs."

"In particular, I would like to thank the public of Barry Island and the Vale who have turned up to support us."

"We are very proud of the service that we provide, but could not do so without the support of the very people we serve."

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Computers for beginners

PLACES are available on a free computer course taking place tomorrow (November 9) at Palmerston community learning centre for those with no experience.

More information on 01446 733762.

OBITUARY

DAPHNE MAJOR

Born May 29, 1932
Died October 30, 2012

POINT-TO-POINT enthusiasts in the Vale are mourning the death of Daphne Major who, as Daphne Williams, was a well-known owner, trainer and rider in the 1950s.

Daphne loved race riding over the old Penlyne point-to-point course near Cowbridge, and the names of some of the horses she was associated with will be music to the ears of hunt-racing fans who remember her riding *Dark Island*, *Gemmerly*, *Llwyn Perion*, *Beautiful Day*, *Kynat* and *Sylvester II*, to name just a few.

It was on the last named, which also appeared on some racecards as *Sylvester II*, that she rode one of her best ever finishes when, in 1953 at the Monmouthshire at Llanvapley, she got the popular grey gelding home by a head from the highly-rated *High Chance*, who was qualified with the South Herefordshire Hunt.

Incidentally, *Sylvester II* was winning the race for the third successive year.

April Budgen had been in the saddle in 1952 and her sister Ruth in 1951; and when *Sylvester II* won the race again in 1954, Penny Pragnell was the winning rider.

As for one of the most unusual races Daphne won, that was surely an adjacent hunts ladies'



Daphne Major (nee Williams) was a well-known owner, trainer and rider of horses.

maiden race staged at the Llangeinor in 1949, which she won on one of her favourite horses; *Gemmerly*.

The one-eyed *Kynat* during the 1963 season won four races, three of them in the space of nine days.

He was very unlucky not to have won another three as he was beaten a head by *Jacadula* at the Monmouthshire, then went the wrong side of a flag, losing around 100 yards, at Llangeinor.

At Warwickshire, he had a 15-length lead at the last fence, only to take a tumble.

Dark Island, who was qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt, was one of the best hunter chasers to come out of Wales – and a week after beating *Billy Bud*, another horse qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt, in a hunter chase at

Ludlow, he won the United Hunts Challenge Cup at the 1958 Cheltenham Festival, beating *Felthampton* by four lengths.

Dark Island, who was ridden by Castleton farmer Bill Jones, then won for the third time on the trot when beating *Fair Youth* at Chepstow. That same season, *Dark Island* also won the Final Champion Hunters' Chase at Stratford-on-Avon, which later became known as the Horse and Hound Cup.

Daphne's funeral will take place on Monday, November 12 at St Cynwyd's Church, Llangynwyd, Maesteg.

The church service is at 12.45pm, followed by a short service at the Crematorium in Coychurch at 2.15pm.

BRIAN LEE

Care worker's 'hat trick' of prestigious gold awards



Helen Randall (centre) with the Welsh Government's Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, Gwenda Thomas AM, and Avnish Goyal, managing director of Hallmark Care Homes.

THE Penarth-based manager of a care home has completed a 'hat-trick' of prestigious gold awards.

In 2010, Helen Randall, who runs the Quarry Hall Care Centre in St Mellons, achieved a double at the annual Wales Care Awards ceremony, winning gold for leadership and management in residential care and also for excellence in dementia care.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the awards and Helen, 45, chalked up her third major success in the section for outstanding

service, sponsored by Hallmark Care Homes.

The awards, organised by Care Forum Wales to recognise exceptional work in the care sector, were presented at a glittering ceremony in Cardiff City Hall, by Assembly minister Gwenda Thomas.

Helen, who qualified as a nurse more than 20 years ago, has been manager of Quarry Hall for 10 years. The home has four separate houses offering four categories of care including general nursing and dementia care.

She was nominated by Sharon Young, the residential house man-

ager, who said Helen was continually striving to ensure that the 86 residents had the best quality of life, encouraging all staff to attend training courses and working alongside them to help them settle in.

Helen, who lives in Penarth and who cares for her father who has dementia, said that while it often called for great commitment and enthusiasm, it was a privilege to work in the care sector.

Away from Quarry Hall, she likes to spend her weekends caravanning with her husband and 10-year-old son.

Vale Ramblers take in sights of the Corrwg and Neath valleys

NINE walkers joined Judy and Mike Holley for a 7.5-mile walk which started from the Glynccorwg Ponds Mountain Bike centre and wound through Forestry Commission trails, with views over the Corrwg and Neath valleys.

The weather started off surprisingly sunny when we had all expected to get wet, but a surprisingly large amount of hailstones lying around in the grass made the area live up to its 'little Switzerland' nickname.

Coffee was taken on the way up the steep climb at the beginning in the ruins of Tyn

Pant farm, with hail looking like snow all around us.

On route we were joined by many very muddy mountain bikers who were also enjoying the world class trails – it seemed a lot easier to walk in this area compared to the effort that the cyclists were having to put in to get up to the top of the hill.

Lunch was taken overlooking the Neath Valley, but as we were finishing lunch and making our way back it started to drizzle, and stayed that way for the rest of the afternoon.

At the end of the walk we all enjoyed tea and cakes in the excellent mountain bike centre cafe surrounded by slightly less muddy bikers, and

were amazed to see the ex-hire bikes being sold off cheaply at £1,900! Walking seemed quite a bargain by comparison.

The new programme for the winter is now available on our website: www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk.

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Pothole surgery

COURT Ward independent councillors Richard and Robert Bertin will be holding a special 'pothole' surgery on Saturday, November 10, in the Jenner Room of the Barry YMCA Hub, Court Road, from 10am to 11am. Call 01446 736227.

KNIGHTS

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**Dunraven Street, Barry - £156,950**

Four bedroom mid terraced property • West End of Barry • Sun lounge • Sitting room • Fitted kitchen • Downstairs wet room/bathroom • 3 bedrooms to 1st floor with loft conversion 4th bedroom • Gas CH • upvc double glazing • Enclosed rear garden.

**Gladstone Road, Barry - £149,950**

Three bedroom mid terrace bay fronted • Hallway • Lounge • Dining room • Fitted kitchen/breakfast room • upvc DG • Gas CH • enclosed rear garden laid to lawn • Decked area • Lane access • Basement with light and power • Close to local amenities.

**Caradoc Avenue, Barry - £135,950**

Three bedrooms • Semi detached • Hallway • Lounge • Dining room • Modern fitted kitchen • White modern bathroom • Gas CH • upvc DG • Enclosed rear garden • Front garden providing off road parking • Within walking distance of shops and schools.

**Colcot Road, Barry - £136,950**

Three bedrooms • Semi detached • Lounge with original parquet flooring • Kitchen • Ground floor bathroom • En suite wet room to master bedroom • Gas CH • Driveway to single detached garage • Enclosed rear garden • Easy access to Cardiff and M4.

**Hillside Close, Barry - £126,950**

Three bedrooms • Mid terrace • Two reception rooms • Dining room • Modern fitted kitchen • Bathroom • Driveway to front • Enclosed rear garden • Close to rail links and local transport • Close proximity to primary schools, shops and local parks.

**Holton Road, Barry - £99,950**

Currently listed as commercial unit • Vendor willing to change usage to residential • Three bedroom • Mid terrace property • Entrance hallway • lounge through dining room • kitchen/diner • bathroom and separate wc to 1st floor • Gas CH via combi • No chain.

**Queen Street, Barry - £129,995**

Well maintained • Three bedroom • Mid terrace • West End of Barry • Hallway • Lounge through dining room • Modern fitted kitchen • Bathroom to ground floor • upvc DG • Gas CH • Enclosed rear court yard • Walking distance to shops and schools.

**Plas Gwernen, Barry - £145,950**

Two bedroom • Semi detached • Cul de sac location • Entrance hallway • Lounge/Dining room • Kitchen/breakfast room • Downstairs wc • Family bathroom • upvc DG • Gas CH • Enclosed rear garden • Private road to front • Driveway with off road parking for 2 cars.

**Gladstone Road, Barry - £147,000**

Three bedrooms • Bay fronted • Mid terrace • Hallway • Lounge through dining room • kitchen • Family bathroom to 1st floor • upvc DG • Gas CH • Enclosed rear garden • Minutes walk to town centre, Leisure centre and Gladstone school. Close to train station.

**Westward Rise, Barry - £289,950**

Four bedroom • Semi detached • West End of Barry • Entrance hallway • Lounge • Two further reception rooms • Modern fitted kitchen/family room • Downstairs cloakroom • Shower room and family bathroom to 1st floor • Gas CH • DG • Loft with drop ladder.

**Windsor Road, Barry - £184,950**

Six bedroom • Three Storey • Mid terrace • West End of Barry • Hallway • Lounge • Dining room • Kitchen • Bathroom • Two en suite bathrooms • Enclosed rear garden • Good investment potential • Walking distance of Schools, shops, train station, park and beach.

**Flat 29, Howard Court, Barry - £129,950**

Two bedroom 1st floor flat • Entrance hallway • Lounge • Fitted kitchen • Modern bathroom • upvc DG • Gas CH • Communal Gardens • Garage • Off road parking • Close to bus route and park Crescent shops • easy access to Cardiff and M4 • For sale with no chain.

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Extended and refurbished four bedroom • Semi detached • Hallway • Lounge • Kitchen/breakfast room • Dining room • Utility room/Downstairs wc • Bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom • upvc DG • Gas CH • integral garage/workshop • Enclosed rear garden.

**Hardy Close, Barry - £160,950**

Four bedroom • Detached property • Cul de sac location • Hallway • Lounge through dining room • Kitchen • Utility room • Family bathroom • Ensuite to master bedroom and downstairs wc • Gas CH • Enclosed rear garden • Partially converted garage • Driveway.

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**Whitmore Park Drive, Barry - £134,950**

Three bedroom • Semi detached property • Hallway • Lounge • Dining room • Kitchen • Bathroom • upvc DG • Gas CH • Enclosed rear garden • Driveway with off road parking for two cars • Walking distance of surgery, supermarket, post office, pharmacy and bus route. No chain.

**Llewellyn Street, Barry - £78,500**

Two bedroom • End terrace • Central Barry • Entrance hallway • Lounge • Dining room • Kitchen • Two bedrooms and bathroom to 1st floor • upvc DG • Enclosed garden to side and rear • Walking distance to Primary School, YMCA and Barry Road Shops • No Chain.

**Lydstep Road, Barry - £125,950**

Offers Invited • Three bedroom • Semi detached • Hallway • Lounge • Dining room • Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom • upvc DG • Gas CH • Enclosed rear garden • Driveway with off road parking for one car • Garage • Cavity wall and new roof insulation 2010.

**Queen Street, Barry - £109,950**

Three Bedroom • Mid terrace • West end of Barry • Hallway • Lounge through dining room • Kitchen/breakfast room • Downstairs shower room • Enclosed rear courtyard • Within walking distance of High Street shops, schools and train station • Offered for sale with no chain.

**Romilly Mews, Barry - £139,950**

One bedroom • Mid terraced cottage • Exclusive gated community • Hallway • Downstairs wc • Lounge/Dining room with patio doors onto small patio area • Newly installed white kitchen • Bathroom • Master bedroom with doors opening onto balcony • Distant sea views • Allocated parking.

**Holton Road, Barry - £49,995**

One bedroom • Ground floor flat • Forecourt having access via front door • Entrance porch • Hallway • Lounge with archway through to kitchen and bathroom • property is in a residential area convenient for local facilities and within walking distance of Holton Road and local primary schools.

**Station Street, Barry - £112,000**

Four bedroom • Mid terraced • Lounge/dining room • Further reception room • Kitchen • Bathroom to first floor • upvc double glazing • Gas CH • Enclosed rear courtyard • Garage • Walking distance of Barry dock, train station, Holton Road shops and local primary school • For sale with no chain.

**Whitewell Road, Barry - £129,950**

Three bedroom • Semi detached • Porch • Hallway • Lounge • Dining room • Kitchen • Three bedrooms and bathroom to 1st floor • Gas CH • upvc DG • Front and rear gardens • Views across fields and distant views towards Bristol • Walking distance of schools, playing fields, Barry Hospital, shops and bus route.

**Canon Street, Barry - £151,995**

Bay fronted • Three bedroom • Mid terrace • Porch • Hallway • Lounge through dining room • Kitchen/breakfast room • Family bathroom • Gas CH • majority upvc DG • Enclosed forecourt and rear garden • Close to park, the Knap, beaches, shops and train station • Offered for sale with no chain.

**Victoria Park Road, Barry - £156,950**

Three bedroom • Mid terrace • Entrance hallway • Lounge • Kitchen/diner • Three bedrooms and bathroom to 1st floor • Cellar providing space for storage • Gas CH • upvc DG • Enclosed rear garden • Walking distance of train station • Easy access to Sully link road and M4 • Walking distance of School.

**Colcot Road, Barry - £229,999**

Three bedroom • Semi detached • Dormer bungalow • Entrance hallway • Cloakroom • Two reception rooms • Kitchen/breakfast room • Utility room • Ground floor bathroom • Two bedrooms to the ground floor • 3rd bedroom and shower room to 1st floor • Large rear garden • Driveway • Garage.

**St Lythans, Barry - £239,950**

Three bedrooms • Semi detached bungalow • hallway • Lounge • Sitting room • Newly fitted kitchen • Conservatory • Downstairs shower room • One bedroom to ground floor • Further two bedrooms to first floor • Ensuite to master bedroom • French doors to garden • upvc DG • Gas CH.

**Nant Talwg Way, Barry - £319,950**

Four bedroom • Detached • Entrance hallway • Lounge through dining room • Further reception room • Conservatory • Kitchen/reakfast room • Utility room and downstairs wc • family bathroom with additional shower room • upvc DG • Gas CH • Double garage • Driveway with off road parking.

**Leys House, Barry - £229,950**

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- any other child.

Foster children are not included in the calculation.

Please be aware of the above when making bids for properties in this advert as this may affect how much rent you pay.

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A single person (of working age) living in a two-bedroom property

The assessment of room need would be one bedroom, so a 14% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply.

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The assessment of room need would be one bedroom, so a 25% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply

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The assessment of room need would be two bedrooms, so there would be a 14% deduction from their Housing Benefit

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Llanion Close	31	Gold	27/06/12
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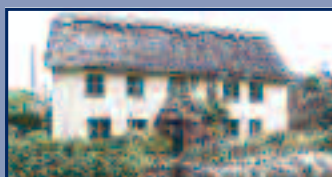
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Who wants to build what, and where?

Dr Jane Sanders – **Abernant Cottage, Llancafarn** – provision of a menage (private use) and flood lights.

Mr and Mrs Darran Phillips – **Downs Farm, Sully Road, Penarth** – installation of two rooflights.

Mr Chris Ball – **Llysworney Garage, Church Street, Llysworney** – proposed demolition of existing garage and proposed four houses (two pair semi-detached).

Mr and Mrs Andrew Naylor – **Ty Mawr Farm, Llangan** – farm store in field.

Mr Derek Nichols – **5 Dorset Avenue, Barry** – two-storey side extension to form ancillary accommodation for elderly family member.

Mr Adam Foster – **Rachwen, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major** – raise height of existing garage roof to align with new side extension roof (ref 2010/00821/FUL).

Mr Frank Coughlan – **23 White House, Barry** – to extend to rear of dwelling new sun lounge.

Mr Brett Parsons – **20 Goodwick Close, Barry** – proposed two-storey extension to existing domestic dwelling. Extension is to side of existing semi-detached house. Existing dormers (which make up first floor) to front and rear to be extended.

Curo Sterling (Valegate) General Partnership Limit – **Valegate Retail Park, Copthorne Way, Wenvoe** – variation of condition no. 7 of planning permission 91/01282/OUT, as amended by planning permission 2008/00481/FUL, to allow a further 1,858 sq m net retail floorspace to be used for the sale of clothing, footwear, sports equipment, accessories, jewellery, cosmetics, toiletries and pharmaceuticals with ancillary food and drink and services.

Ms Claire Ryan – **Rock Cottage, Penylan Road, St Brides Major** – creation of parking bays.

Mr Christopher Samuel – **St Donats Church, Welsh St Donats** – retention of the siting of The Ark for a further five-year period.

Julie Jones – **18 River Walk, Penarth** – install Velux window in spare room.

Miss Aldene Thomas – **25 Tynewydd Road, Barry** – change of use of first floor to allow whole property to be used as a beauty salon.

Mr Patrick Carroll – **Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry** – installation of solar hot water panels on lower roof.

Mr and Mrs Paul Jones – **Norwood, 114 South Road, Sully** – proposed demolition of existing conservatory, construction of new single-storey bedroom extension plus internal modifications.

Mr Graham Bailey – **Brooklyn, Piccadilly, Llanblethian** – regularisation of permission reference 2011/00935/FUL and submission of the small variation items as requested by Enforcement Officer.

Mr Terrence Ewington – **3 Tarrws Close, Wenvoe** – sympathetic crown lift to horse chestnut tree to rear of property.

Mr Bernard McCarthy – **7 Tarrws Close, Wenvoe** – crown lift sympathetically and remove one limb from a horse chestnut tree to rear of property.

Mr and Mrs C M Hill – **44 Seaview Drive, Ogmere by Sea** – loft conversion with a new flat roof dormer, internal alterations and new front facade treatment.

Mr and Mrs Talib and Ahlim Mahdi – **28 Brockhill Way, Penarth** – demolition of conservatory and side wall and erection of a single-storey rear extension.

Ms Gwenda Roberts – **5 Paget Road, Penarth** – internal layout alterations. External alterations including changes to dormer; changes to windows and the addition of doors. Raise height of existing rear flat roof and incorporate pyramid rooflight.

Rear garden – create decking to first floor level on steel frame. Erect shed to rear of garden. Raise height of boundary fence adjoining No 4.

Newydd Housing Association – **former Magistrates Court, Thompson Street, Barry** – demolition of former Magistrates Court to provide residential accommodation in the form of 52 affordable dwellings (46 flats and six houses), commercial/retail development (Retail Unit 1; Use Class A3 Restaurant/Cafe, Retail Units 2 and 3; Use Class A1); access arrangements, landscaping and associated works.

Notts Sport Ltd – **St Richard Gwyn RC High School, Argae Lane, Barry** – construction of a new 60m x 40m multi-use games area with associated features, including storage recesses, new perimeter fencing, floodlighting and access arrangements within the existing school playing fields.

Mr John Meredith – **17 Barons Close, Llantwit Major** – porch to side of dwelling, new front door and screen to front of dwelling. New window to bathroom at rear/side.

Mr and Mrs L Evans – **Garden Cottage, The Rookery, Court Drive, Llansannor** – proposed single-storey extension to form lounge with photo-

voltaic cells and solar panels to flat roof.

Mr Daniel Radcliffe – **Green Valley Farmhouse, Trehergyll** – change of use of agricultural storage shed, attached to side of farmhouse, to annex accommodation, with associated works.

Mr James Reid – **17 New Barn, Flemingston** – proposed new concrete hard standing for agricultural tractor and equipment.

Mrs Julie Dyer – **58 St Davids Crescent, Penarth** – playroom.

Mr S Williamson – **Midfield House, Pen y Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – two-storey extension to detached dwelling.

Mr Ian Howells – **The Laurels, Llanquian Road, Aberthin** – demolition of existing bungalow and construction of two-storey family house and garage.

Mr and Mrs Jason Lowe – **1 Leoline Close, Cowbridge** – new glazed conservatory, porch to kitchen access.

Mrs E Walsh – **10 Hazel Grove, Dinas Powys** – to take down existing dilapidated garage and construct new two-storey extension (ground floor to provide granny en suite bedroom, future lounge and cloakroom), to extend driveway to accommodate two cars.

Mr Ireland, Delta Properties – **94 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – construction of a new dwelling.

Mr Ian Shaw – **28 Ceri Road, Rhose** – conservatory to the rear of property.

Integrated Health Care Group – **The Old Mill, Abbey Road, Ewenny** – converting existing offices into use as an integrated health centre.

Mr and Mrs Punter – **23 Heol Fioled, Barry** – proposed conservatory to rear of property to form sun room.

Mr A S Davies – **2 Church Road, Penarth** – remove cherry tree.

NE and G David – **Hen Dafarn Field, St Mary Hill, Bridgend** – construction of a single wind turbine model WES18 80kW.

Welsh Government – **Seabank known as Holm Sands, inner Bristol Channel** – marine licence to extract aggregate.

Mr Neil John – **4 Castle Road, Rhose** – proposed orangery extension to rear of property.

Miss Annisa Magrin – **land to the north of Biglis Pumping Station, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – the erection of a run in field shelter for two horses to be tackled and tended to.

S Richards – **1 The Grange, Earl Road, Penarth** – reduce oak at rear side of house by 30 per cent.

Mr Gareth Rees – **5 Castle Precinct, Llandough, Cowbridge** – fell London pine and reduce crown on ash.

Ms Karen Hunt – **35 Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan** – first floor above existing single storey extension width 3.3m, length 4.55m, height to existing eaves, to become a double bedroom.

Trustees – **Pendoylan War Memorial Hall, Pendoylan** – replace and relocate existing heating oil tank with LPG fuel tank.

Ms Ceri Jones – **Mount Pleasant Barn, Llangan** – proposed conversion and alterations of existing barn to form residential dwelling.

Crest Nicholson Operation Ltd – **Land at Penarth Heights** – modification to development approved under Planning Permission 2007/00295/FUL including changes to phasing, topography, finished floor levels, redistribution of affordable housing, etc.

Ms Jane Wade – **5 School House, St Cyres Road, Penarth** – demolition of detached house.

Mr Vincent Guidi – **17 Rudry Street, Penarth** – construct new lean-to extension to existing rear lean-to extension. Relocate existing first floor

bathroom window to centre of bathroom wall.

Mr Gareth Hayton – **51 Queens Road, Penarth** – rear dormer loft conversion to provide additional living accommodation (renewal of 2002/006720/FUL).

Mrs Sarah Mason – **36 Cae Canol, Penarth** – extension of an existing garden. Take down existing 9ft brick wall from boundary to rear corner of house, to dig out pavers and sub base, dig out foundation of new boundary wall to front of property, approx 13 linear metres. To build a new 225mm wall 1.8m high x 13m long, in Harvest Buff Multi plus detail bricks and coloured mortar to match existing brick work.

Mr Newark/Mr Williams – **Factory House, Factory Road, Llanblethian** – fell two ash and crown lift to 5.5m above road three sycamores (fell dead Elun - exempt).

Mr Granger – **37 Somerset Road, Barry** – Edwardian hipped roof conservatory to rear.

Mr Martin Price – **Price Dental Practice, 5 Hickman Road, Penarth** – change of use from ground floor dental surgery to residential use as self-contained two-bedroom flat.

Mrs Moses – **11 Greenfield Avenue, Dinas Powys** – fell ash and reduce sycamore.

Mr Jason Stait – **6 St Andrews Road, Barry** – construction of two-storey extension to side of dwelling. Demolish existing conservatory and construct single storey extension to rear of dwelling (the works include a granny flat which will be reintegrated into the dwelling in future).

Mr Gavin Roberts – **Tesco Stores Ltd, Stirling Road, Barry** – installation of a curved timber fence surrounding the 'hello' tablet signage.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01095/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed demolition of existing garage and proposed 4 No houses (2 pair semi-detached)
Location:/Lleoliad: Llysworney Garage, Church Street, Llysworney
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Llysworney

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01094/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Installation of 2 no. rooflights
Location:/Lleoliad: Downs Farm, Sully Road, Penarth
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01138/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed conversion and alterations of existing barn to form residential dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Mount Pleasant Barn, Llangan
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar lleoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01092/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Single storey community building (Sunday School), including temporary caravan siting
Location:/Lleoliad: Cutilage of Croes y Parc Chapel, Peterston Super Ely

Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Croes-y-Parc Baptist Church, Grade II and the Monument to Dafydd Williams, Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01095/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed demolition of existing garage and proposed 4 No houses (2 pair semi-detached)
Location:/Lleoliad: Llysworney Garage, Church Street, Llysworney
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting the Milepost at the Carne Arms Public House, Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01103/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Retention of the siting of The Ark for a further 5 year period
Location:/Lleoliad: St. Donats Church, Welsh St. Donats
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting the Church of St. Donat, Grade I and Great House, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./
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Proposal/Cynnig: Variation of Condition No. 7 of planning permission 91/01282/OUT, as amended by planning permission 2008/00481/FUL, to allow a further 1,858 sq m net retail floorspace to be used for the sale of clothing, footwear, sports equipment, accessories, jewellery, cosmetics, toiletries and pharmaceuticals with ancillary food and drink and services
Location:/Lleoliad: Valegate Retail Park, Copthorne Way, Wenvoe

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01114/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Demotion of former Magistrates Court to provide residential accommodation in the form of 52 affordable dwellings (46 flats and six houses), commercial/retail development (Retail Unit 1; Use Class A3 Restaurant / Cafe, Retail Units 2 and 3; Use Class A1); access arrangements, landscaping and associated works
Location:/Lleoliad: Former Magistrates Court, Thompson Street, Barry

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01140/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Modification to development approved under Planning Permission No. 2007/00295/FUL including changes to phasing, topography, finished floor levels, redistribution of affordable housing, etc.
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Penarth Heights

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2012/01163/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Planning application for the construction of new forestry track
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Coed Arthur, Llancafarn

Departure from Development Plan / Gwro y'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No./
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Dated / Dyddiedig: 8 November, 2012

M. Goldsworthy, Operational Manager
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Brynhill Ladies celebrate Thursday league winners



ABOVE: The much appreciated Thursday league organisers Nicci Case (left) and Di Tapscott.



ABOVE (left to right): Thursday league winners Audrey Phillips, Chris Hopkins and Barbara Watkins.



Brynhill Ladies showing off their creations.



ABOVE: Hilary West – making floral arrangements look easy.

A PERIOD of very poor weather, resulting in the cancellation of a number of fixtures, hasn't prevented Brynhill Ladies getting together.

Earlier this month, members met for lunch and presentations were made to Thursday league winners. The league was created to encourage players of all abilities to mix in.

It has been organised most efficiently by Nicci Case and Di Tapscott for more than 15 years.

Some 26 games were played, and the best four cards from each player were eligible for consideration.

Points were awarded and beautiful clocks were presented to the three ladies with the highest scores.

In third place with 76 points was Barbara Watkins. Runner-up with 77 points was Audrey Phillips, and the winner with 79 points was Chris Hopkins.

Following the presentations, Nicci and Di were themselves presented with M&S vouchers as a thank you for their hard work throughout the year.

Flower arranging RECENTLY, there was a good turnout of members and friends for a demonstration of

flower arranging by highly respected local florist and club member, Hilary West. Hilary entertained us for more than an hour creating five displays, all the while explaining her methods, choice of foliage and flowers and answering questions from the floor.

Then it was our turn to try our hand and show what we had learnt. Throughout, Hilary walked among us advising and encouraging. At the end of a most enjoyable evening we displayed our efforts and left for home proudly clutching our creations.

Barry under-7s win first game

LAST Sunday saw Barry RFC under-7s play their first game as a team.

Opponents Llandaff North played a great game, keeping the young team on their toes and being quick to reply to every try Barry scored.

It was a nailbiting game for the supporters of both sides with a total of 13 tries scored, but Barry narrowly secured a win with just one try separating the two teams.

Mark and John, the young side's coaches, were thrilled with the result – hopefully they have started as they mean to go on.

JBT

Last-ditch penalty condemns Barry RFC to a defeat

FOR their latest league fixture, Barry travelled to Abercwmboi last Saturday.

The WRU had arranged that the referee be considered for promotion to a higher league by assigning no fewer than three assessors to the task!

Barry have made a habit this term of starting slowly and thus being forced to play catch-up.

Saturday was no exception, with little evidence of concentration on display. Poor tackling soon gave the home XV and the chance to open the scoring, which they took to notch up a converted try.

Again there were valuable but individual contributions, notably from Tanner and Evans in the forwards.

However, the lack of cohesion was hampering their efforts and soon the home side went further ahead with a well-struck penalty.

Having gifted Abercwmboi a 10-point start, Barry woke up to the size of the task ahead. With Dix, Buckland, Provis and Lee providing some penetration in mid-

field, things improved.

It came as no surprise that the home team were forced to concede a penalty, which was converted by Lee.

The increasing pressure brought just rewards when Evans crossed for a short-range try. The excellent conversion from out wide levelled the scores.

There followed a spell in which Barry dominated play. With ruck, maul and lineout operating smoothly Barry were looking the good side they are when concentrating on the job in hand.

Unfortunately, against the run of play, Abercwmboi scored a further try. The conversion was the last action of the first half.

The second session was played under a thunderous sky with heavy showers drenching both players and supporters alike. The light was such that the floodlights were used for considerable periods.

From the outset, naïve tactics and sloppy execution resulted in Barry having to defend for long periods. When they did break out, they looked effective and were soon rewarded with two fur-

ther penalties.

With Lundy and O'Sullivan prominent, they set up some useful field positions. With a win looking a distinct possibility, Dix went over – only for the referee to adjudicate that the ball had not been grounded.

The visitors edged into the lead via a Lee penalty at the end of normal time but bitter disappointment replaced euphoria when Abercwmboi succeeded with a penalty right at the end of added time.

Barry could, and perhaps should have won this fixture. If they had opened each half of the game playing with a little more concentration and accuracy, the spoils would have been theirs.

It is pleasing, however, to record that the assessed referee performed his task to a very high level.

Barry: Dix, Adams, Provis, Buckland, Poole, Lee, Thorne, O'Sullivan, Evans, Hollister, McTavish, Tanner, Jones (captain), Parker, Hadfield. Substitutes: Lundy, Poole, Davies, Scott.

CO

MAT SIGNS OFF IN STYLE WITH MEDAL



LEFT to RIGHT: bronze medalist, Willie Marr (Scotland), gold medalist, Timm Hines (USA) and silver medalist Mat Symmonds.

LLANTWITMAJOR-born Mat Symmonds, celebrated his 148th international appearance for Wales by taking the silver medal at the IFAA World Field Archery Championships at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

With the Argentinian summer fast approaching, temperatures were anticipated to be in the 90s, but in the event, the opening round was damp, foggy, with poor visibility making the longer shots very testing.

This put expected scores down across the board. Despite the conditions, the opening round saw several challenges from Willie Marr of Scotland, Jan van Dyke of Holland and Argentinian national champion, Gustavo Milleker, but the Welshman managed to comprehensively out-

shoot all of them to emerge in second position.

This set up the first of four head to head rounds with the former two-time US national champion, Timm Hines. Now shooting in temperatures of more than 90 degrees, round two saw a number of challenges from both archers, but the American again achieved a small lead to maintain first place.

Round three saw Symmonds push into the lead, which he maintained throughout, but a critical elevation error on the last end allowed Hines to draw level to maintain his overall lead.

The final two rounds saw some classy performances from Hines, who shot superbly to secure the gold. Meanwhile, Symmonds managed to extend the lead between himself and third-placed William Marr of Scotland to land the silver.

Mat commented: "I am pleased to take the silver medal in Argentina. It is a great

country and the people were very welcoming of us archers.

"All credit to Timm, who consistently showed himself to be the best archer on the field and a deserving winner."

This latest tournament was Symmonds' sixth World Field Archery Championships and his last as captain of the Welsh national team.

He said: "I've had the honour of captaining the Welsh team for eight wonderful years but I feel now is the right time to hand over the reigns. I would like to thank the team and its management who have supported me throughout."

Symmonds previously took gold at the World Championships in 2008 in Namibia before turning professional in 2010 and taking gold for a second time in Dahn, Germany.

He will next be in action at the British Indoor Championships in December at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. SR

Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale, October 30:

First – Peter Millar and Mike Close, 66.67 per cent; second – Mark Roderick and Kay Dyer, 61.9 per cent; third – Jane Brook and Mick Green, 54.76 per cent; Helen Jordan and Maureen Charlton won on handicap.

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LLANTWIT RFC UNDONE BY CLWB RYGBI CAERDYDD

BECAUSE of the heavy overnight rain, this match was switched to the bottom pitch where the longer grass gave a firmer foothold to start with.

But, as the game progressed, so conditions deteriorated, and it became a slogging match between the two packs.

Normally the Llantwit eight would relish the challenge but unfortunately for the home side, they were reduced to seven forwards after 15 minutes with what appeared to be a very harsh red card for Fijian No8 Dan Farrell, though the referee was adamant after the game that it was a dangerous two-footed tackle and the player had to go.

Before Farrell's departure for an early shower, Llantwit trailed 6-0 as they conceded a plethora of penalties and put themselves under tremendous pressure in or around their own 22, where most

of the first half was played.

An exchange of penalties saw Llantwit turn around 9-3 adrift, with fly half Dan Powell kicking Llantwit's points.

With the wind at their backs and playing up the slope in the second half, Llantwit put up a spirited performance, with the seven-man pack outstanding against doughty opponents, particularly flanker Sam Booker and Llantwit man of the match Lewis Collins, who played flanker in the first half and then hooker.

Llantwit looked to be hanging on for a losing bonus point, only to concede a try from a scrum five with five minutes to go. Though they battled back upfield to pressure the CRC line in the dying minutes, they lacked the composure to make it count, going down 14-3.

Formed in 1963, the predominantly Welsh-speaking club recruits from all regions of Wales, mainly teachers, solicitors and

other professions who come to Cardiff to work, and they have done well to progress up the leagues.

They are a well-organised, well-coached side and on this occasion, behind a dominant pack they had an outstanding player at No10, who controlled the game and put the pressure on Llantwit.

Llantwit have a week off due to the Argentina game before a trip to Llandaff on November 17. Then there is another gap before the home derby against Barry on December 8, followed by another home tie on December 15, when Rhigos are the visitors for a third round Swalec Bowl clash.

Llantwit Major: M Pearce, R Balmont, W Wakacegu, S Aquilla, N Hoosan, D Powell, G Burnett, C Watts, G David, N Woodward, D Daw, S Shea (c), L Collins, S Booker, D Farrell. **Subs:** S Sutton, G Watts, J Austin, A McNicol.

DG

Busy week for Barry Chess Club

THIS has been one of the busiest weeks for the Barry Chess Club.

On Monday, there were games for both the Bosons and the Quarks. On Tuesday the Camelots played and on Thursday, there was the second round of the Barry Club Championships.

So far this season, the fortunes of the Bosons and Quarks have been quite different. The Bosons have had a disappointing start, whereas the Quarks have exceeded all expectations.

However, things changed this week with a win by the Bosons at Penarth, and the Quarks losing at home to North Cardiff, as both games ended 3 1/2 to 1 1/2.

Nigel Ralphs lost his game. Lee Davis was unwell so at short notice Rhys Steele moved up from the Quarks to earn a good victory for the Bosons.

The Camelots travelled to Bridgend with a weakened team and narrowly lost 3-2 to a strong

Bridgend side. They have had a see-saw season by winning then losing, then winning then losing.

Fortunately, they have won their games by a bigger margin than their losses and still remain in a promotion place, but only just.

This year the Barry Club Championship is a seven-round Swiss Tournament. The first round was a graded round with the highest graded players taking on their supposedly weaker opponents.

The games were all won by the top players, except the game between Steve Cunliffe and Kevin Gandy, which ended in a draw. The second round matched players with similar results from the first round. This produced two draws, with white marginally being more successful than black.

After two rounds only three players have two wins and the table is led by Nigel Ralphs, who has played against higher graded players. The plate is currently led by Kevin Gandy with two draws.

For more details visit our website: barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PJ

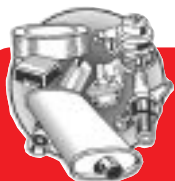
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Lack of goals costs Dinas Powys dear

THERE was plenty of effort from Dinas, who battled to the end against Briton Ferry Llansawel in this 2-0 defeat, but they seem to have lost the goalscoring ability they had in abundance at the start of the season and they will have to find it again to maintain their push for promotion.

The visitors had much the better of the game in the first 20 minutes and made the majority of the chances they had in the game during this spell.

Liam Jeremy created the first with a good low cross from the left side of the area just begging for somebody to get a touch. Player manager Mark Dunford had the next opportunity but planted his header at keeper Lloyd Clement who dealt with it comfortably.

Another Jeremy cross produced claims for a penalty, turned down by the referee, Adam Raymond had a powerful shot but again the keeper was equal to it and got fingertips to the ball to push over for an unproductive corner.

Their best opportunity to take the lead came in the 18th minute when Steffan Davies headed a cross towards goal and it appeared to be going into the net but Dunford made sure from close range only to see the assistant referee flagging for offside.

Ferry had hardly made any chances for those first 20 minutes but started to fight their way back into the game with Rob Spendiff heading a corner wide of the post and Gavin Jones having a goal-bound shot deflected for a corner.

The home side took control of the game during the two minutes either side of half-time. The first goal came in the 45th minutes when the ball was neatly laid on for Scott

Kenyon to score with a dipping shot from 20 yards. Dinas only just had time to take the restart before the referee blew for half-time.

With the visitors looking to get back into the game the last thing they needed was to go a further goal behind, but when the defence hesitated Spendiff didn't and got his head to a corner to score Ferry's second from six yards.

The home side didn't let up and with wide-men Steve Daley and Gavin Jones raiding down either flank they always looked dangerous. It was Jones who almost got a finishing touch to a Daley cross at the far post.

Dinas thought they may have had a way back into the game when Spendiff was dismissed for a dangerous tackle on Steve Provis, who was able to continue after treatment. They sent on substitutes Gareth Tedstone and James Williams but it was the home side who still managed to create the best opportunities, mainly through Daley and Jones.

The home side deservedly ran out winners and Dinas will have to find their scoring form, hopefully starting on Saturday November 10 against Newport YMCA with a 2pm kick-off.

Squad: Damian Lack, Nicky Bruce, Steve Provis, Rhys Davies, Mike Lewis, Adam Raymond (c), Matt Trotman, Richard Yarr, Steffan Davies, Mark Dunford, Liam Jeremy. **Subs:** Gareth Tedstone, Adrian Harvie, James Williams, Joe Bloxham.

For further news and fixtures see the club's website: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk.

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BARRY YOUTH XV MAKE CUP PROGRESS AFTER DERBY WIN

HAVING been beaten by Penarth away in the Cardiff and District Cup, it was **Groundhog Day** when Barry Youth were again drawn away against Penarth in the East District Cup.

However, this gave the team a chance to make amends for previous blunders, put things square and progress to the second round.

The early control of the game was in neither side's possession as attacks ebbed and flowed with the wind advantage in the home side's favour.

Using this wind Penarth chipped through from the half-way and Barry spent 10 minutes in their own 22 defending fearlessly until Flynn put in a much-awaited

clearance kick.

Both sides squandered penalty attempts as points went begging.

From a Barry put in at the scrum in opposition territory, No8 O'Sullivan picked up and drove, making excellent yardage, and he popped a pass to his wing and brother Mathew, who put faith in his pace and headed for the white-wash, bouncing off desperate tackles to touch down.

However, the Barry linesman deemed the final tackle attempt had edged Mathew ever so slightly into touch and, to the dismay of the away support, honourably raised his flag three metres from the try line.

Penarth cleared from the ensuing line out and edged back into Barry territory where just before the half-time

whistle, they pegged three points from an infringement at the ruck.

Barry once again spent time in their 22 at the start of the second half and from a series of poor clearance kicks put themselves under further pressure.

From such a clearance, Penarth gathered and a change of direction from their centres and a poor defensive line from Barry left a gap which, when invited, was not squandered by the home side, who went in under the posts for a seven pointer.

Barry did not buckle, but with renewed inspiration camped in the opposing 22 for long periods.

From the back of an attacking ruck scrum half Mephams was dragged to the ground and from this penalty offence, Flynn

put Barry on the scoreboard.

Towards the end of the match Barry turned over opponent's ball from a defensive position near their line and decided to run it. Slick passing between centres was fortunately interrupted in Barry's favour when an outstretched hand intercepted the pass and knocked it on into the sprinting path of full back Mike Hamonda.

He reached, gathered and ran the length of the field, outpacing desperate attempts from tacklers to score.

Flynn then took the conversion, watched by nervous supporters, who need not have been concerned as it sailed through the uprights to tie the game and take the game by default as the travelling side.

Team: M Hamonda, M O'Sullivan, D Evans, B White, J Flynn, R Mephams, J Goodfellow, J Adams, L O'Sullivan, J Miles, J Oaten, Sion Vidal, C Prosser, K Davies, T Adams, M Scott, B Wall, E Byrne, L Davies.

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Bees bounce back

BARRY Bees RFC under-10s travelled to Pencoed for their first match after their defeat to Penarth.

The Barry forwards were initially dominant and were able to control possession and territory, and after excellent interplay with Cole Saunders, James Chapman went over in the corner for the first score.

Pencoed began to get into their stride, and deservedly brought the scores level at the break.

The home team started the second half with an excellent try from deep in their own half to take the lead to 14-7.

This setback spurred the Bees on, and Jacob Pereira smashed his way over from close range to restore parity; and Cole scored another after a period of intense pressure to put the Bees back in the lead.

Flying winger James went over for another score before Robson Mallam completed the scoring with an excellent individual try to make the final score 33-14.

Squad: Isaac McBride, Jacob Pereira, Rhys Lloyd, Charlie Bale, Ethan Watkins, Stephen Williams, Cole Saunders, Spencer Williams, James Chapman, Robson Mallam, Joseph Nationstead. **JM**

Sail panel members are wanted to form panel

CHALLENGE Wales, the south Wales-based sail training yacht, is looking for young volunteers aged 15-24 years to be part of a new youth panel which will help direct the charity and encourage more young people to take advantage of sail training opportunities.

The youth panel will be made up of young people from different backgrounds, will help raise awareness of the charity, help shape

Challenge Wales' work with the youth of Wales and ensure young people's views are heard.

Challenge Wales is looking for between eight and 10 people to be on the panel, which will meet three to four times a year in Cardiff, and you don't need to have sailed on Challenge Wales to get involved.

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VAN DIESEL is plastered across a local Ford Transit owned by Virgin Broadband; it always raises a smile and springs to mind as I take delivery of the Peugeot Bipper Professional, the compact city van.

This is the first van I have driven and on entering, you can't help noticing that it feels rather hollow inside. In fact if you shout, there's almost an echo due to its capacious rear.

The next noticeable difference to a car is the fact that there is no rear view mirror and the distinct absence of a rear window; instead, there are two rear doors as you can see from the video at test-drives.biz. These are obviously for easy loading as is the helpful sliding side door.

You have to rely on your mirrors, making me particularly apprehensive when reversing or pulling out to overtake.

I now realise that I should be more forgiving of those van drivers, who I have previously thought, pulled out without looking. On manoeuvring to

overtake, the driver cannot see anything by looking over their right shoulder, as they would in a car.

In time, relying on the mirrors is easy as long as the driver is cautious.

There's a fairly raised driving position, so much so that I spy a mottled brown roe deer elegantly standing in a field as I wait for the lights to change. In fact, height wise it's on a par with a Land Rover Freelander, giving a commanding view of the road ahead.

In many respects this little van, the test model finished in bright red - making its driver feel like Postman Pat - is very much like a car to drive.

The cabin is an adequate size and its dashboard has been well designed, with plenty of space for all that paperwork so often carried by delivery drivers.

There's electric windows, a CD player and a decisive five-speed gearbox coupled to a gutsy 1.4-litre diesel capable of travelling over 600 miles on a tank, if driven at a steady 56mph.

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More expense, I thought.

I have owned the vehicle for two years and the Ford wipers must have been on there for a good few years before that time. They had got to a point where they were causing me embarrassment because as they attempted to rid the screen of water, they would screech up and down. Not ideal.

The wiper on the rear window was worst.

So what to replace them with? Traditional wipers or do you embrace technology?

Until now fancy wipers were the preserve of new cars but now Bosch has made its excellent Aerotwin wipers available to a wide range of cars including older ones, thanks to incorporating clever multi-clip adaptors.

Storms battered the area where I live the day after I fitted my Aerotwins and for the first time I actually enjoyed driving in the rain because I now have crystal clear vision no matter what the conditions.

This is because the three-part wear-resistant blade edge ensures an efficient wiping action, so even the smallest micro-drops are removed.

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Barry under-8s stay unbeaten

BARRY under-8s welcomed Llandaff North and the first of two matches saw Barry build an early lead with individual efforts from Andrew Szuchnik and Flynn Baker.

North rallied but never fully recovered and a Barry offload close to the Llandaff line from Jed Morrissey found Evan Prosser to cross for a try. With Flynn Baker

collecting his second of the day Barry ran out winners by 7 tries to 6.

In match two, it was Llandaff North who made the early running to go ahead by 3 tries to 1 but excellent tries from Cian Murphy and Jady Rowley pushed Barry into a 4-3 lead.

Barry upped the defensive efforts, notably Morgan Dancy, Jack Bryant and Will Humphreys, who were constantly chasing

down the opposition.

With the muddy conditions deteriorating the Bombers dug deep to secure the 4-3 scoreline and another win.

These results build on previous matches against Old Penarthians which saw Barry win 7-3 and draw 4-4, and two wins of 11-4 and 7-5 against CRICC to remain unbeaten this season.

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BARD'S RINGING CALL HAS RESONANCE FOR THE WALES TEAM 'Don't be afraid of greatness!'

"Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, others have greatness thrust upon them" – (William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night).

I WAS reminded of this timeless axiom as legendary figures in Wales and world rugby gathered from far and wide last week, with others across a wide social spectrum, to pay posthumous homage to Mervyn Davies – 'Merve the Swerve' – a No8 par excellence, for whom the word 'great' is no idle sporting hyperbole, but a mantle he wore casually draped over his deceptively lanky frame.

He was the quiet but inspirational leader with the trademark moustache and wide headband, whose sobriquet was as familiar in sporting circles across the globe as 'JPR', 'JJ', 'Barry', 'Benny' and 'Gareth', in the illustrious Welsh team of '70s superstars who so brilliantly bore out the Bard of Avon's famous dictum.

The stirring message, in sport as in life, is surely as valid today as it was in the 1970s – let alone the 1700s (even though poor Malvolio was cruelly deluded in the end!)

Indeed, the gifted young Wales players who form the class of 2012 could do worse than have Will Shakespeare's dictum 'Be not afraid of greatness' writ large in the team dressing room – as they strive to bridge the gap between 'excellence' and 'greatness' achieved by Welsh rugby's last 'golden age' – of which Merve was so much a part – and thus ensure a timeless legacy of their own.

They have a fresh opportunity in the upcoming autumn series to take a momentous step towards that still distant goal by claiming some long-coveted scalps.

The formidable four-test challenge facing them, in rapid succession over the next few weeks, will bring big guns of the southern hemisphere to the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, beginning on Saturday with the arrival of the rugged Argentines.

The battle-hardened Pumas would be no walkover at the best of times. But with the Welsh side's pack strength undermined by the absence through injury of tight-head colossus Adam Jones (just how significant

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will that be in the continuing lack of a ready-made replacement?), backrow hitman Dan Lydiate, and the versatile Ryan Jones, together with the unavailability, or loss of form, of several first choice players, both up front and behind, acting coach Robert Howley had some serious head-scratching to do before announcing his team this week.

With even tougher tests to come against reigning world champs New Zealand and Australia, as well as the ever-dangerous Samoans, the Welsh camp know how vital it is to get off to a winning start, though individual morale cannot have been helped by the failure, yet again, of the four cash-strapped regions to make a meaningful impact in Europe.

With the Blues and Dragons, in particular, suffering humiliating defeats recently, if they are to prosper, one wonders whether joining forces as a revamped East-Wales region might be a better prospect for them in the long run?

Unlikely, yes, but if they could only abandon their narrow town tribalism, as frequently displayed in outdated chants of 'Cardiff! Cardiff!' and 'Newport! Newport!' on the terraces, what a powerful super-region they would make, should it ever come to pass!

Who knows, the new mega region's success might even prompt an even wider rethink on regional reorganisation by the WRU, which is increasingly being asked to bankroll struggling 'regions' that, quite simply, are not fit for the purpose intended, as the next professional tier down from the national squad.

One thing is for sure: after 10 years, as this column has long argued, the WRU's original geographic division of the regions has been shown to be fatally flawed, particularly with the brutal dismemberment and alienation of one of Welsh rugby's true heartlands, the Valleys, where the injustice still rankles.

Meanwhile, the Welsh camp again have the task of moulding together a squad of players, some low in confidence on the back of repeated hammerings at regional level, to face the might of southern hemisphere oppo-

nents who have no such issues.

The immediate question is, can the depleted Welsh squad raise their game against the uncompromising Pumas, who will give no quarter and will be all-out to avenge the 28-13 defeat when the teams met in Cardiff last year – and record their fifth victory in 14 meetings?

The first hint would come in the announcement of the Welsh team, with even more interest in the line-up than usual, given that crucial world ranking points could well be at stake heading towards RWC 2015.

Would the Welsh camp, as some pundits had suggested, take the very risky step of 'resting' certain established stars deemed to be off colour, in favour of emerging rivals?

On Tuesday, Howley gave his answer and came up with some surprises, keeping faith with tried and tested 'regulars' such as Rhys Priestland, Matthew Rees, match-starved Gethin Jenkins, and skipper Sam Warburton – while consigning the likes of Mike Phillips, Paul James, Justin Tipuric and James Hook to the replacements bench.

At the same time, he has given the nod to scrum half Tavis Knoyle, centre Scott Williams, and back row man Josh Turnbull, and also handed upcoming young tight head prop, Aaron Jarvis, the onerous but crucial task of anchoring the Welsh scrum against one of the most feared packs in world rugby.

Much could depend on how he bears up under the inevitable pressure and every Welsh supporter will wish him well.

An intriguing line-up, then, which also has the insurance of a strong bench to call on.

WALES TEAM

Leigh Halfpenny (Cardiff Blues); Alex Cuthbert (Blues), Scott Williams (Scarlets), Jamie Roberts (Blues), George North (Scarlets); Rhys Priestland (Scarlets), Tavis Knoyle (Scarlets); Gethin Jenkins (Toulon), Matthew Rees (Scarlets), Aaron Jarvis (Ospreys), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys), Ian Evans (Ospreys), Josh Turnbull (Scarlets), Toby Faletau (Newport Gwent Dragons), Sam Warburton (Blues, capt).

REPLACEMENTS:

Richard Hibbard (Ospreys), Ryan Bevington (Ospreys), Paul James (Bath), Robin McCusker (Scarlets), Justin Tipuric (Ospreys), Mike Phillips (Bayonne), James Hook (Perpignan), Liam Williams (Scarlets).



ABOVE, Mervyn Davies – Greatness rested lightly on his shoulders.
BELOW, Aaron Jarvis – a great responsibility on his young shoulders.
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